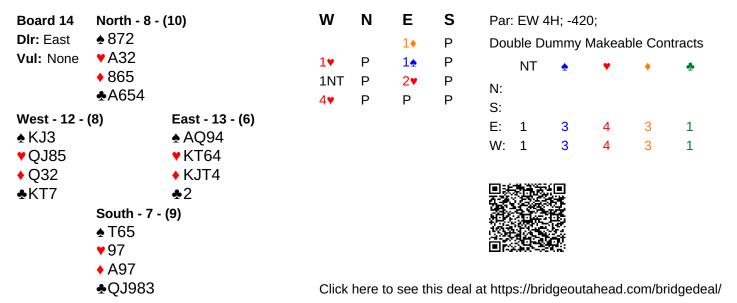
1 Diamond Opener, Game Contract in a Major Suit



Opener has no 5-card major. Diamonds are longer than clubs, so they open 1D.

Responder wants to get to a NT or major suit contract. They have a 4-card heart suit, so they bid 1H.

Opener has 4 hearts and 4 spades. Knowing that responder might have bid "up the line" with two 4-card majors, opener shows their 4 spades by bidding 1S.

Responder denies also having 4 spades by bidding 1NT.

Opener doesn't know responder's points, so they bid a cautious 2H to show that they also have 4 hearts.

Responder knows that opener had opening points of 12/13+, and that the pair has 25+ points--enough for game. With those points and an 8-card heart fit, responder bids 4H.