

1 Diamond Opener, Game Contract in a Major Suit

Board 14 North - 8 - (10)

Dlr: East ♠ 872

Vul: None ♥ A32

♦ 865

♣ A654

West - 12 - (8)

♠ KJ3

♥ QJ85

♦ Q32

♣ KT7

East - 13 - (6)

♠ AQ94

♥ KT64

♦ KJT4

♣ 2

South - 7 - (9)

♠ T65

♥ 97

♦ A97

♣ QJ983

W N E S

1♦ P

1♥ P

1NT P

4♥ P

Par: EW 4H; -420;

Double Dummy Makeable Contracts

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

N:

S:

E: 1 3 4 3 1

W: 1 3 4 3 1



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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.