

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

Par: EW 4H; -420;

Double Dummy Makeable Contracts

1♦

P

1♥

P

2♥

P

4♥

P

P

P

NT

♦

♥

♦

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N:

S:

E:

1

3

4

3

1

W:

1

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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 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 fit, responder bids 4H.