

2NT Feature Ask - Opener has a heart feature

Board 1 North - 8 - (8)

Dlr: North ♠ J74

Vul: None ♥ A6

♦ QJT632

♣ 96

West - 11 - (6)

♠ A

♥ KJ9852

♦ 98

♣ KT42

East - 5 - (9)

♠ T98

♥ T74

♦ K7

♣ Q8753

South - 16 - (6)

♠ KQ6532

♥ Q3

♦ A54

♣ AJ

W N E S

P 2♦ P 2NT*

P 3♥¹ P 3♠

P 4♠ P P

*feature ask

¹heart feature

Par: NS 4S+1; +450;

Double Dummy Makeable Contracts

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

N: 2 5 5

S: 2 5 5

E: 2 2

W: 2 2



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Responder uses the Rule of 17 and wants to explore for game in opener's suit or in NT.

Bidding 2NT (alerted) asks opener to show a feature (Ace, or protected King or Queen) in a side suit. Opener's response, though, depends on his points and other aspects of his hand.

When opener does have a feature in a side suit, and is at or close to 9-11 points, he should bid the suit of the feature. Responder now knows that opener has a good, long diamond suit, and a heart ace or king (responder has the queen).

Responder, with a decent, long spade suit, can invite to game in spades. If opener had no spade support, he could always revert to diamonds, knowing that responder has high points or he would not have bid 2NT to explore further. But here, with good spade support, opener bids on to 4♠.