

Jacoby On Bridge

NORTH			
▲KJ3			
▼AQ82			
◆A843			
♣86			
WEST			
▲A852			
▼4			
◆K			
♣AQJ10753			
EAST (D)			
▲97			
▼KJ1073			
◆QJ1092			
♣2			
SOUTH			
▲Q1064			
▼965			
◆765			
♣K94			

East and West vulnerable
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 Double
1♥ Pass 2 Pass
2♦ 2♣ 3 Pass
Pass Pass Double Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥4

No Excuse For Bid

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South managed to go down four tricks at his three spade doubled contract. He probably could have saved a trick in the play, but the discussion that followed did not concern itself with that. North seemed to think that South's two spade bid was inexcusably bad and said so in some rather pointed language. South did not really defend his two spade bid except to point out that it had told North what to lead against West's three club contract and that a spade lead would leave West somewhere between a rock and a hard place when it came to making three clubs. Furthermore South felt that the only excuse North had for going to three spades was that North wanted to make his opponents happy. The matter was referred to me as arbiter and it seems worthy of comment in this column. When someone goes down 1100 the chances are that both partners overbid. This was true here. South took his life in his hands when he bid two spades, but as South pointed out, his bid worked! No one doubled two spades. Instead West went to three clubs and North could have passed, led a spade and set the hand one or maybe two tricks. How about North? His take-out double was all right, but when South could not bid over East's one heart North had no excuse for any further bid. Not only was South marked with a bad hand, but in addition East's one heart bid had reduced the value of North's queen of hearts from two points to zero and without those two points North did not have a takeout double. So there was no excuse for North's three spade bid and the loss was due entirely to him.

♥♦♣ CARD SENSE ♠

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♣ Pass ?
You, South, hold:
▲AJ43 ♥A65 ♦KQ74 ♣82
What do you bid?
A—One diamond. There is no hurry about bidding the spade suit.

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