

13 tricks on top. If you could see both the N/S hands you would choose 7NT. It is hard to get enough information to bid 7NT, but 7♥ should be possible.

One of the key choices is South's rebid after 1 ♠ -2 ♥.

It was surprising that 3 South's chose to rebid 3 ♠.

1 ♠ - 2 ♥ always promises 5 so there is already a fit.

If there doubleton spade in North the hand would still play better in hearts. In hearts you can ruff the spades good without losing a trick. If spades were trumps, AK10985 opposite 42 would almost always lose a trick.

I would rebid 3♣, not as a psyche, but to find out more about partner's hand. In this case if partner rebids 3♥ to show a 6 card suit it will be helpful Now when 4NT RKCB gets a response of 5♠ (2 keycards + Q♥) I could bid 7♥. It would be in the expectation partner could set the spades up by ruffing. On some hands extra kings are unnecessary, but bidding 7♥ is a big decision. Perhaps bidding 5NT to check partner has at least 1 extra king is justified.

1 Pair played 6NT

4 pairs played 6♥

2 pairs played 4 🗸

The one remaining pair did find 7NT.

North took control of the bidding after a 2NT rebid by South.

That must show a strong hand in their methods, but it isn't for most pairs.

They were a little lucky that South had the J♦.

If it was the J♠ instead then 7♥ would have been a much better contract.