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| <b>Board 6</b>  |         | ♠ J108643 |         |           |
| <b>Dealer E</b> |         | ♥ A1092   |         |           |
| <b>EW Vul</b>   |         | ♦ 85      |         |           |
|                 |         | ♣ 7       |         |           |
|                 | ♠ AK    |           | ♠ Q97   |           |
|                 | ♥ Q843  |           | ♥ J65   |           |
|                 | ♦ J1063 |           | ♦ AKQ72 |           |
|                 | ♣ 1084  |           | ♣ 32    |           |
|                 |         | ♠ 52      |         |           |
|                 |         | ♥ K7      |         |           |
|                 |         | ♦ 94      |         |           |
|                 |         | ♣ AKQJ965 |         |           |
|                 |         |           |         | NT        |
|                 |         |           |         | ♠         |
|                 |         |           |         | ♥         |
|                 |         |           |         | ♦         |
|                 |         |           |         | ♣         |
|                 |         |           |         | N         |
|                 |         |           |         | S         |
|                 |         |           |         | E         |
|                 |         |           |         | W         |
| Par +110 3♣= NS |         |           |         | 5 8 6 4 9 |
|                 |         |           |         | 5 8 6 4 9 |
|                 |         |           |         | 4 4 7 8 4 |
|                 |         |           |         | 4 4 7 8 4 |

1NT is the opening bid for anyone playing a weak 1NT.

South has a hand where it is better to wait in the bushes than to bid.

You would love to be on lead against No Trumps. Especially with E/W vulnerable.

West will pass and North should pass as well even if it is tempting to bid.

You have nice distribution and the opponents have stopped in 1NT.

So partner probably has enough for us to make 2H or 2S.

However, they will also have too good a hand to stop in one of those contracts.

They don't know you are bidding on 5 points. You might have had 15 points!

The only N/S pair that got to defend 1NT failed at the final hurdle.

You must know your signals, use them properly and trust partner's discards.

South might start off by leading the Jack of Clubs.

A sort of joke 4th highest, but trick 2 is the Ace and tells partner what you have.

That means North immediately knows to tell partner about their Ace of Hearts.

Some people signal that with the 10 of Hearts, some with the 2 of Hearts.

Whichever method your partnership uses make sure your signal is clear.

And South – stop staring at your lovely clubs – watch your partner's discards!

If you cash 2 hearts after finishing clubs +300 is much better than +100.