

**#15 - Hand of the Week – Partner opens with a weak bid. Should you bid to game or pass?**

You and partner are playing East/West.  
All vulnerable. North is the dealer.

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See next page for bidding analysis, actual results with real players, the computer-generated prediction and thoughts on what you can learn from this game.

If you wish to practise the bidding first, do not look at the bidding below.

**Bidding:** (One possible scenario with analysis.)

<b>N</b>	Pass	10 HCP
<b>E</b>	2♠	8 HCP, Weak 2 Opening bid showing 6 spades and fewer than 12 pts.
<b>S</b>	Pass	8 HCP
<b>W</b>	3♠ or 4♠	14 HCP, plus 1 dummy pt. Support for partner's spades.
<b>E</b>	Pass or 4♠	Final contract should end up at 4♠. If West bids it, East will pass. If West invites, then East should take it to game. Consider the singleton diamond as an extra boost.

**Actual Results (East/West viewpoint):**

Seven bid 4♠ and made either 4♠, 5♠ or 6♠.

One bid 3♠ and made 4♠.

Two bid 2♠ and made 5♠.

One bid 1♠ and made 6♠.

One bid 4♣ and made 5♣.

**Computer-Generated Prediction:**

E/W can make either 4♠ or 4♣ (spades is the better contract).

**What is there to learn from this game?**

When your partner opens 2♠ (weak) and you have support for spades and 14+ pts, consider inviting to game or jumping to game.

If you consider the Law of Total Tricks, you can bid as high as the 3 level with 9 trump cards.

If you open with a weak 2 bid in a major suit and partner invites you to game, consider bidding to game if you have 10 pts or with a singleton or void.

**Opening Lead:**

♥King from South, top of touching honors.

♠6 5  
♥A 10 9 6 3  
♦A J 10 5  
♣J 10

Dlr: North  
Vul: All

♠K 10 2  
♥J 5  
♦K 4 2  
♣A K 8 6 2

West  
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♠A Q 9 8 4 3  
♥8 7 4  
♦9  
♣Q 5 3

♠J 7  
♥K Q 2  
♦Q 8 7 6 3  
♣9 7 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	3	3	-	-
S	-	3	3	-	-
E	4	-	-	4	-
W	4	-	-	4	-

**Board No 29 Both Vul Dealer North**

Pairs		Contract			Scores		Points	
N/S	E/W	Bid	By	Tks	N/S	E/W	N/S	E/W
4	8	4♠	E	5	650	2	9	
5	10	2♠	E	5	200	8½	2½	
6	12	2♠	E	5	200	8½	2½	
7	14	4♠	E	4	620	5	6	
8	1	4♠	E	4	620	5	6	
9	3	4♠	E	6	680	0	11	
10	5	4♠	E	5	650	2	9	
11	7	1♠	E	6	230	7	4	
12	9	4♣	W	5	150	11	0	
13	11	4♠	E	4	620	5	6	
14	13	4♠	E	5	650	2	9	
15	15	3♠	E	4	170	10	1	