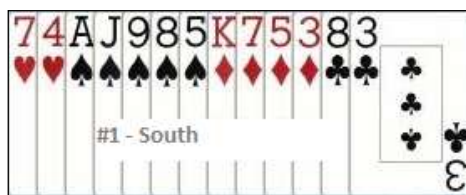


Next Step - Practice Games #11 – Competitive Bidding

Board #1 – None vulnerable, Dealer North



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Bidding:

	Bid	HCP	Comments and Analysis
N	1♥	13	Opening bid shows 5+ hearts and 12-21 pts
E	2♣	12	Overcall showing 5+ clubs and 10+ pts
S	X	8	Negative double, showing fewer than 3 hearts, short in opponent's suit (clubs), good support for two unbid suits
W	3♣	7	Continuing to compete, short in opponent's suit (hearts)
N	3♥		Showing 6 hearts, might also pass since partner may not have any hearts

Contract:	3♣ by East	3♥ by North
Possible Opening Lead:	♥7 by South (suit bid by partner, high/low from a doubleton)	♦Ace by East (bid clubs, but would prefer to have the club lead come towards the Ace/Queen to capture King from North, if North has it)
Expected Results:	East should be able to take 9 tricks in clubs (Score = 110)	North should be able to take 9 tricks in hearts (Score = 140)
Computer Prediction:	E/W can make 3♣ or 3♦. North can make 2NT or 3♥. Rather than allow North to make 3♥, East should bid 4♣, down 1, but then, North should double for penalty.	