

30 Point Hand: How to bid?

BOARD 19									
BD: 19		♠ T732				Dir: S			
		♥ T76				Vul: EW			
		♦ K987							
		♣ 82							
♠ J8						♠ 965			
♥ 954						♥ QJ832			
♦ QT432						♦ 65			
♣ J64						♣ 753			
		♠ AKQ4							
		♥ AK							
		♦ AJ							
		♣ AKQT9							
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT				
N	7	5	4	7	7			3	
S	7	5	4	7	7		4		3
E	-	-	-	-	-			30	
W	-	-	-	-	-				

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 19			
Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
6NT by NS	+1	1020	1
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6NT by NS	=	990	2
3NT by NS	+4	520	5
2NT by NS	+5	270	1
3♠ by NS	+4	260	1
4♣ by NS	+3	190	1
3♣ by NS	+4	190	1
1♣ by NS	+6	190	1
3♣ by NS	+2	150	1

This hand was played at the club last week and became the talking point of the session ; how do you bid such a monster?

As you can see there were many different contracts, a 30 point hand is very rare so most partnerships don't have any conventional agreements.

With 11 sure tricks in south's hand plus the possibility of a 4th spade trick if they break evenly, there is a lot of support for going straight to 6NT.

One suggestion was the use of the Kabel 3NT opening which is an artificial opening bid that asks partner to show specific aces – 4C response shows no aces, 4D shows the diamond ace, 4H or 4S or 5C shows that ace, and 4NT any two non touching aces.... there are more responses to show different combinations. Then you can go through the same technique to ask for kings. A lot to remember for a convention that may come up "once in a blue moon" Partnerships must decide whether the extra cognitive load is worth the effort!

The main point here is that south must think whatever the bid is, partner will probably not have enough points to respond, with only 10 points remaining between the 3 players ...even opening 2C, following partners 2D response , whatever south bids next will most likely be the final contract.

