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Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ J763 ♥ 8 ♦ Q94 ♣ AJ853 2. ♠ KQ ♥ K9 ♦ ÂQ6 ♣ KQ10432 3. ♠ KQ875 ♥ J653 ♦ J4 ♣ 82 4. **♦** K974 ♥ 86 **♦** KJ95 **♣** Q104 * * *

Bidding Quiz

1. One spade. Since you must respond with six or more points, the only problem is whether to bid one spade, one notrump or two clubs. First, you cannot bid two clubs, which would promise 10 or more points. That being the case, the spade response is best, largely because partner might have three or four spades headed by one or two honors, and you might miss a spade contract altogether if you bypassed a chance to show the suit. Note that one spade does not indicate any more values than a response of one notrump. Both are based on six or more points; the big difference is that the spade response has no upper limit in terms of points, while the normal limit for a notrump response is 10 points. 2. Three clubs. With 19 high-card points facing an opening bid, you are in the slam zone. The customary way of showing this is by a jump-shift. True, your clubs are not overly robust, but this is a small consideration compared with the value of alerting partner to a potential slam. The immediate jump-shift might also alleviate a potential bidding problem at your next turn. 3. Two hearts. There is a temptation to respond one spade, but that would be the wrong bid. The hand fits the requirements for a raise to two hearts, which indicates adequate trump support and six to 10 points in distribution and high cards. A spade response could create a later bidding problem if partner were to rebid two hearts. In that case, the question of whether to bid again would arise. To pass would conceal your excellent heart support, while to raise to the threelevel would be bidding twice on a hand worth only one bid. The easiest way of avoiding such problems is by raising partner immediately. 4. One spade. Here the choice lies between one spade and one notrump. Despite your balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suits, the spade response is better, as it still leaves room for a low-level notrump contract while exploring the possibility of a spade fit. The notrump response bypasses the opportunity to find a spade fit if it exists.

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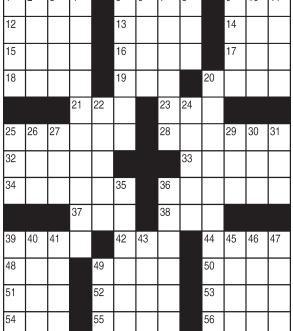


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Razzle-Dazzle Declarer Play

Performing the impossible is a contradiction of terms, but there are times when declarer can give a good imitation of the feat.Examine this deal in its entirety. South has a heart to lose and, as the cards unfortunately lie, two trump losers. It isn't easy to make a slam when you start with three losers, but South, our hero, managed the affair without much trouble. West led the king of clubs, taken by dummy's ace. With a view toward avoiding the heart loser, declarer ruffed a club at trick two, hoping the queen would fall on this round or the next time clubs were led. South then cashed the ace of spades, learning to his horror that West had two apparently certain trump tricks. Undaunted, he played for the only distribution that would permit the contract to be made. At trick four, he led a heart to the ace and ruffed the nine of clubs. Next he cashed three rounds of diamonds en West by now had been shorn of all his clubs and diamonds. And when South next cashed the king of hearts, West ran dry in that suit also. With three tricks to go, West's hand consisted of the Q-10-9 of spades, while declarer had only the K-J of spades and six of hearts. Having won the first 10 tricks, South now led the six of hearts, and suddenly the three losers he had started with dwindled to one. West was forced to trump the heart, though it was his partner's trick, and had no choice but to return a spade into South's K-J.

Thus South, in one motion, found a way to telescope three losers into one, and a bewildered West could do no less than offer his congratulations on a well-played slam.

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"I was very, very happy when we got PJ 'cause I wasn't the littlest anymore.'