

TO BID OR TO DOUBLE???

South is holding Hand:

A8763

AQ5

KQ8

72

The bidding starts:

W	N	E	S
		1C	???

- South can bid 1S or X. Which is best?

South bids 1S.

- If South doubles and North were to bid, say diamonds, South would wish to bid 1S. That sequence would promise around 18 points, which South does not have.
- Bid 1S and hope to get a second chance to further describe your hand. You are not going to miss any games since any hand that North can have which will make game will be worth a bid over 1S.
- North bids 2D. This is good news. What does South bid?
- *1st thing to emphasize* is that South **should bid**.
- *2nd thing to emphasize* is that South **should NOT bid 3D**.

He has too much for that. He should only raise to 3D *without* the Ace of hearts.

- He hopes to make 3NT if North can stop clubs. Bid 3C. This is called a “directional asking bid” (or DAB for short) or a cue bid asking for control of that suit. North bids 3NT.
- Without Control in Clubs, North would rebid Diamonds

If on the other hand South had only had 4 spades, he should double.