



Dealer: S		♠	865	Vul: E-W	
		♥	A9		
		♦	KJ732		
		♣	K92		
♠	Q932	↑ ¹¹ ← ¹⁰ 8→ ↓ ¹⁴		♠	KJ4
♥	KJ84			♥	T76
♦	A86			♦	94
♣	65			♣	JT843
		♠	AT7		
		♥	Q532		
		♦	QT5		
		♣	AQ7		

PLAY THIS HAND WITH JERRY	Bidding	1♣ - P
	Sequence →	1♦ - P - 1N - P 2N - P - 3N - P P --- P

The bidding went as shown and I chose to rebid 1N instead of 1♥ because my hand was so balanced and I wanted the lead to come to me as well as to hide the fact that I had 4♥s and that is exactly what gave us a great result.

West led the 4♥ from his better major and that came to my Queen. I then started the ♦s, West took the second one with the A and shifted to 2♠ which went to the K and I ducked it and East continued with the J♠. I won that and ran 3♦s while East threw away 1♥ and 2♣s. I discarded the 2♥ and the 10♠ and West discarded the 5♣ and 6♣.

I cashed 2♣s in dummy and West discarded 1♥ and 1♠. I then cashed the A♥ and led a club to my hand and West threw away the 12th♥ saving the Q♠ which made my 5♥ good, making 5 for 99%. Making 4 would have been 87%.

Was this a lucky result? Well, yes, it was but remember I didn't bid my 4 card♥ suit and it looked like the opponents were not giving each other count on defense. It is very important to have a system of giving count when discarding, helping each other to save the right cards.

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