

Tassie MP Qualifying Pairs S2 TBA

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ A K 10 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ A 10 4



♠ A J 9 7 4 3
♥ 2
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Chris Girvan</i>	<i>Hugh Grosvenor</i>	<i>Irene Chau</i>	<i>Annie Bartlett</i>
Pass	2 NT ²	Pass	2 ♠ ¹
Pass	3 ♠ ⁴	Pass	3 ♦ ³
Pass		Pass	4 ♠

All pass

1. 5 or 6 ♠, 4-9 HCP
2. Forcing enquiry, at least invitational
3. Minimum with 6 ♠
4. NF

Most competitive pairs play that a raise of partner's weak 2 opening is not invitational but rather is continuing the preempt, showing a hand with less than invitational values and typically exactly 3 card support.

If you want to invite partner you need to show this in some other way. There are various methods that use the 2 NT response as a forcing enquiry asking partner to further clarify their hand. The most common of these are 2 NT asking for a feature and 2 NT Ogust. We use something different but it really does not matter what you use as long as you agree something with partner.

In our auction 3 ♦ showed a minimum hand with a 6 card suit, 3 ♠ was droppable and South decided to continue holding a very good minimum (6-4 shapes are good).

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♣ K

Time to make a plan for the play.

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♥ 9 7	♥ A K 10 5 3	♥ Q J 8 6 4
♦ J 9 3 2	♦ K 10	♦ A 8 6
♣ K Q J 8	♣ A 10 4	♣ 9 7 5 2

♠ A J 9 7 4 3	♠ A J 9 7 4 3
♥ 2	♥ 2
♦ Q 7 5 4	♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ 6 3	♣ 6 3

We can win the ♣ A then play the ♥ A and ♥ K discarding the ♣ loser from the South hand. Now we need to keep the losers in ♠ and ♦ to no more than 3. We have to lose the ♦ A so that means we will probably have to ruff 2 ♦ s in the dummy. Notice that if we play a trump before we knock out the ♦ A then there is a considerable risk that the defence can play a second trump when they get in leaving only one trump in the dummy.

So win the opening lead, discard the ♣ loser on the ♥ and then play the ♦ K. Whatever they return you can win, play ♦ Q, trump a ♦ in the dummy, come back to your hand with the ♠ A if they did not switch to a ♠ (or by trumping a ♣ if they did) and trump your last ♦ with the third trump in the dummy.

4 ♠ by South

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. W	♣ K	<u>A</u>	2	3
2. N	<u>♥ A</u>	4	2	7
3. N	<u>♥ K</u>	6	♣ 6 ¹	9
4. N	♦ K ²	<u>A</u>	4	2
5. E	♠ 2	<u>A</u> ³	10	5
6. S	<u>♦ Q</u>	3	10	6
7. S	♦ 5	9	<u>♠ 6</u>	8
8. N	♣ 4	5	<u>♠ 3</u>	8
9. S	♦ 7	J	<u>♠ 8</u>	♥ 8
10. N	♣ 10	7	<u>♠ 4</u>	Q
11. S	♠ J	<u>Q</u>	♥ 3	♣ 9
12. W	♣ J	♥ 5	♥ J	<u>♠ 7</u>
13. S	♠ 9	<u>K</u>	♥ 10	♥ Q

1. Urgent discard of loser before losing lead
2. Set up to trump ♦ losers in the dummy
3. Win trump to keep 2 in dummy to trump 2 ♦ s

This line of play does not guarantee the contract but will make any time you could make it!