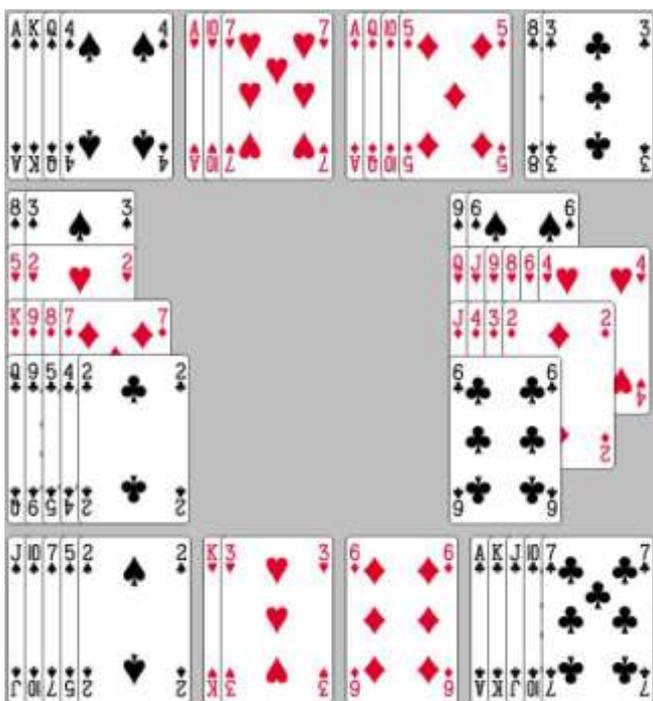


Taking risks is part of bidding as well as playing. How often have you heard “What the heck, it’s the last hand” or something similar? Here is a hand that demonstrates why people sometimes go for broke but the important thing is that if you play well, it may still come off.



West	North	East	South*
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	

I was sitting South and opened 1S. Partner bid 2NT indicating game forcing raise in Spades. I had a minimum and jumped to 4S. Partner with a massive hand

jumped to 6S. We played a small Slam.

West	North	East	South*
			1♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	Pass	

But at another table, the auction went more aggressively. Same opening but partner went straight to 4NT (Roman Keycard) enquiry. It was answered

showing 1 Keycard. But then enquired about Kings by bidding 5NT. This was answered with 5H indicating 2 Kings. Although missing one King, she went straight to 7S. Her reason was that she had a few bad scores in earlier rounds and might as well give it a go (despite having 5 losers NOT 4).

In any case, 7S was made as follows: A small Heart was led by W which was taken by the King. Then ...

	West	North	East	South
1	2♥	7♥	8♥	*K♥
2	3♠	*A♠	6♠	2♠
3	8♠	*K♠	9♠	5♠
4	2♣	3♣	6♣	*A♣
5	4♣	8♣	9♥	*K♣
6	Q♣	*Q♣	4♥	J♣
7	5♥	*A♥	6♥	3♥
8	9♦	10♥	J♥	*7♠
9	5♣	5♦	Q♥	*10♣
10	7♦	*A♦	4♦	6♦
11	8♦	10♦	2♦	*10♠
12	9♣	*4♠	3♦	7♣
13	K♦	Q♦	J♦	*J♠

Small Spade led across to the Ace followed by the King Spades and then a small Club across to the Ace.

The King Clubs clarifies the Clubs situation.

Jack Clubs is covered by West’s Queen but ruffed using the Queen Spades.

Ace hearts led from Dummy, cleans out my hearts.

Small Heart is ruffed.

10 Clubs is used to discard a Diamond.

Small Diamond taken by the Ace.

Small Diamond is ruffed in hand.

Small Club is ruffed in Dummy.

Queen Diamonds is ruffed in hand making all 13 tricks!

The moral is that you have to play like an angel if you’re going to bid like the devil!

Happy Bridging, Bal