

- 1) 3NT not enough to bid 3D
- 2) 3C strong and interested in a slam already
- 3) Hmmm 3NT is the bid –why not 3D ? well the hand is essentially a balanced hand  
And isn't strong enough in playing strength for a D response
- 4) that's more like it -3D
- 5) 3NT
- 6) 4D
- 7) 4C
- 8) 3NT

...and I am prepared to concede there maybe be alternatives to my answers above ( perhaps on 5 u tried 4C ? ) –well its not a science and maybe you are right that time but in general only raise with 3 cards to an Hon or 4 card support.

- 9) 4NT lets go for it (the ol' Black of course )
- 10) pass. What more can you do ? you have shown a strong club hand already.  
No reason to think 5C is better than 3NT
- 11) Pass. Norths double was a penalty double. East is going to regret sticking their neck out.  
What might South have for her double ? Something like this :-

4-----AQ4-----KJ87 ----Q876

- 12) Now we bid ( something). Partner's reopening double requests we speak and shows they are strong. 2Sp or 2H.
- 13) 3Hrts. Maybe wrong but doesn't hurt to be ambitious.
- 14) 1)Ace hrts 2)Ace clubs 3)King clubs 4) club ruffed with the 10 5)K hearts  
6) club ruffed with the J 7) Ace sp 8) K sp 9) Q sp 10) Ace diamonds 11)master 9 clubs throwing a heart 12 )heart ruff 13) loses a diamond  
So yes 12 tricks were there. ( if the clubs had "broken" 3-3 14 ! tricks would have made )
- 15) 1)A diamonds 2) small heart loses 3)... opponents do best to lead a trump ..we win Ace sp 4) small heart loses 5) ... opponents do best to lead a trump ..we win with K Spades 6) trump a heart in dummy 7) diamond to Q 8) draw any remaining trumps 9) lead a club to the K

NB simply we ruffed a heart in dummy –clearly we didn't want to draw trumps first as then there may have been no trumps left in dummy to trump with.