

Tony Forrester has described that John Collings hand as the strangest ever seen in bridge. I wonder what he would say about the hand below played here in the last week of bridge before Xmas .

The bidding was :

N	E	S	W
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Double	Redouble	2H	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I was asked to comment on the various bids.

I started with South who had bid 2H on :-

765
A875
10542
95

The bid seemed wrong to me with only a 4 card heart suit and anyway as I said , with 4 pts you can't be sure your partner won't beat 1NT doubled and redoubled. However South argued she was quite weak and thought it best to remove the various doubles. We can understand her thinking.

West could hardly be faulted for opening 1NT on :-

Q42
KQ103
QJ6
A73

And East's redouble was eminently reasonable on :-

KJ109
J96
A73
K42

For that matter North's double was quite proper on :-

A62
KQ43
K104
A74

Yet something puzzled me. When finally the penny dropped the explanation brought gales of laughter from everyone not least the four players (S) Midge , (W) Anthony , (E) Sarah and (N) Susie. Know why ?