

Invitational Bidding Example

Dir. North; Vul. N/S.

	North	
	AQ85 4	
	K42	
	3	
	♠ Q832	
West		East
J6		K32
J765		A1093
A1075		KJ9
♠ 1094		♠ J65
	South	
	1097	
	Q8	
	Q8642	
	♠ AK7	

Bidding

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1	Pass
1	Pass	3	Pass
4	All pass		

Combined Strength Count

First Round Count: 12+11 = 23-24 Points Second Count: 23+3 = 26-27 Points
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First Count Playable Level = Up to 3
Second Count = 4 Up to level

Explanation:

- 1♠ = 12-13 points any distribution - artificial point showing only.
- 1 = Cheapest negative bid (artificial). Indicates combined strength less than 25 points.
- 1 = Natural 5+card suit.
- 3 = Invitational. Asking opener to bid game with extra values (shortness) otherwise pass.
- 4 = Confirming presence of extra values.