

BEST BID HAND: Espen Erichsen & Tomas Charlsen, Norway

Love all, Dealer North

	Robson	
	K Q 10 4	
	4 3	
	6 5	
	K J 10 9 2	
	N	Charlsen
Erichsen	W + E	7 6
A 9 8 3	S	10 8 6
A K Q J 9 5		A 9 8 7
K 10		A Q 4 3
6		
	Zia	
	J 5 2	
	7 2	
	Q J 4 3 2	
	8 7 5	

The bidding was as follows:

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1♥	2♣	2NT ¹	P
3♠	P	3NT	P
4♣	P	4♦	X
P	P	XX	P
4NT	P	5♥	P
5NT	P	6♥	All pass

Note 1. 2NT showed four-card heart support and a good hand.

Charlsen did not believe his partner would have only four hearts himself and he wanted to show the strength of his passed hand, especially after the club overcall, so he chose the 2NT response. This meant there was lots of subsequent room for a cue-bidding sequence which described the hands accurately. There was even the opportunity for Erichsen to explore the grand slam just in case his partner had the king of spades.

Only one other pair bid to the excellent slam, but this was judged to be the better auction.