



BEST BID HAND

Dafydd Jones and Gary Jones (Wales)

Game All. Dealer East

	♠ A943	
	♥ 742	
	♦ 1083	
	♣ QJ7	
♠ KJ865		♠ Q107
♥ AQ		♥ KJ9853
♦ KJ		♦ A64
♣ AK65		♣ 3
	♠ 2	
	♥ 106	
	♦ Q9752	
	♣ 109842	

West <i>Dafydd Jones</i>	North <i>Pat Walshe</i>	East <i>Gary Jones</i>	South <i>Rory Boland</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

- (1) Roman KeyCard Blackwood
 (2) 1 or 4 of the five key cards
 (3) Asking for the queen of spades
 (4) Showing queen of spades and king of hearts

In the match between Wales and Ireland the Welsh pair bid confidently and expertly to the best contract. Gary and Dafydd are father and son, a rare combination at international level. They were also part of the Welsh team that won the Silver Medal in the recent Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Manchester.

After five natural bids Dafydd used Roman KeyCard Blackwood with spades as the agreed suit. When Gary showed one key card, Dafydd was able to ask for the queen of spades. In reply Gary was able to show both the queen of spades and the king of hearts – exactly the information Dafydd needed to select the best contract of 6NT.

The Irish pair at the other table were one of two other pairs to bid 6NT, with less sophisticated auctions, so the board was flat in this match, which the Welsh won 37-23. Elsewhere 3 pairs stayed in game and two pairs bid to six hearts, going one off went South led his singleton spade and got a ruff at trick two.