

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds:

♠ A432  
♥ Q1085  
♦ 6  
♣ AK63

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
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**ANSWER:** North's one-spade bid is traditionally played as forcing for one round and shows four spades. With a strong hand but without four spades, looking for a stop for no-trump, your partner could have made the artificial call of two spades. Since you have support, but only a minimum, raise to two spades, which describes your hand exactly.

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