

## Opener's Rebid

<p>♠K4 ♥53 ♦9653 ♣KQJ109</p> <p>♠Q108 ♥AK9 ♦QJ10 ♣7632</p> <p>♠J93 ♥Q1042 ♦874 ♣A54</p> <p>♠A7652 ♥J876 ♦AK2 ♣8</p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♠</td><td>All pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>When opener opens with a suit and rebids a new suit he generally has at least five cards in his first suit. That's always the case when opener first bids 1♠. North has no more than the nine points he has shown by bidding 2♣ and has a difficult choice. The best he can do is to choose the known 5-2 spade fit.</p> <p>West leads ♦Q, top of a sequence, and declarer wins with ♦A. This is not a comfortable hand to play because declarer has only seven trumps. He must try to make some club tricks while ♠K is still an entry to dummy. Declarer plays a club at trick 2. Perhaps East takes ♣A and returns a diamond. Declarer wins ♦K, cashes ♠A, enters dummy with ♠K and starts playing clubs, discarding red suit losers. He should make eight tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South		Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	All pass	
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<p>♠J76432 ♥65 ♦98 ♣KQ4</p> <p>♠AKQ5 ♥K92 ♦654 ♣J86</p> <p>♠10 ♥QJ10743 ♦A32 ♣A73</p> <p>♠98 ♥A8 ♦KQJ107 ♣10952</p>	<p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>4♥</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>With a balanced hand and 13 points West <i>might</i> consider responding 3N, but should show his 4card major at the one level. 2♥ shows a minimum opening bid with at least five hearts. West has enough for game.</p> <p>South leads ♦K, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♦A and will be quite happy to discard clubs on dummy's extra spade winners later on. He starts drawing trumps. If he tries to cash ♠A K Q immediately South ruffs and declarer has only nine tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South			1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass		
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<p>♠85 ♥Q874 ♦AK765 ♣A4</p> <p>♠K104 ♥109 ♦J102 ♣Q8753</p> <p>♠AQ9 ♥A65 ♦Q93 ♣J1096</p> <p>♠J7632 ♥KJ32 ♦84 ♣K2</p>	<p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>North opens 1♦, his longest suit and South responds 1♠, his longest suit too. North would like to show hearts but 2♥ would be a reverse (a new suit above his 2♦ barrier) so he can only repeat the diamonds. 2♦ shows a minimum opening bid. The best contract of heart is thus missed, but that only shows what a hard game bridge is!</p> <p>East leads ♣J, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♣A and should play ♦A K 5. He is in luck when they break 3-3. Later he forces out ♥A, making three heart tricks when hearts break 3-2.</p>	West	North	East	South				Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦	All Pass	
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<p>♠KJ54 ♥108 ♦75 ♣J9832</p> <p>♠A9632 ♥64 ♦643 ♣AK10</p> <p>♠8 ♥AK532 ♦KQJ2 ♣754</p> <p>♠Q107 ♥QJ97 ♦A1098 ♣Q6</p>	<p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2N</td><td>All pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Here, when East opens 1♥ and rebids 2♦ he shows at least five hearts and at least four diamonds. The only time East could have 4/4 in the red suits would be if he held 4 spades too (open the middle suit when holding a touching 4441 hand). That hand is impossible as East would raise partner's spades. 2N is a game try, showing (a good) 10-12 points and values in the fourth suit (clubs).</p> <p>North leads ♣3, the fourth highest from his longest suit. South plays ♣Q, third hand high. Declarer wins ♣A and plays on diamonds but, provided the defenders give nothing away, declarer may find he cannot make more than seven tricks. When South gains the lead with ♦A he should return ♣6, his partner's suit.</p>	West	North	East	South	Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	2N	All pass		
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<div><div><div>♠K63</div><div>♥83</div><div>♦642</div><div>♣KQJ32</div></div><div><div>♠QJ109</div><div>♥J92</div><div>♦A75</div><div>♣984</div></div><div><div>♠542</div><div>♥65</div><div>♦K983</div><div>♣A1065</div></div><div><div>♠A87</div><div>♥AKQ1074</div><div>♦QJ10</div><div>♣7</div></div></div>	<div>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td><td>All pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>2♣ (a change of suit at the two level) shows at least nine points. 3♥ shows roughly 15-17 points and a 6card suit. North chooses game in the known 8card fit. West leads ♠Q, top of a sequence. Declarer should win ♠A in hand (keeping ♠K in dummy as an entry for dummy's clubs). He draws trumps in three rounds and then turns his attention to clubs, driving out ♣A and setting up two club winners. He will only lose two diamonds and a club.</p>	West	North	East	South		Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass	
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<div><div><div>♠6543</div><div>♥A10</div><div>♦1062</div><div>♣8643</div></div><div><div>♠AKQ</div><div>♥J62</div><div>♦9754</div><div>♣KQJ</div></div><div><div>♠J2</div><div>♥987543</div><div>♦A83</div><div>♣A5</div></div><div><div>♠10987</div><div>♥KQ</div><div>♦KQJ</div><div>♣10972</div></div></div>	<div>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>1N</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>West is too strong to open 1N so he has to open 1♦, his only 4card suit, even though the diamonds are awful. The 1N rebid shows 15-16 points. East knows the partnership has at least 24 points and his 6card heart suit makes it worth a shot at game. East knows that there is an eight or nine card fit because partner has a balanced hand. South leads ♦K, top of a sequence. Declarer should aim to get rid of his diamond losers on dummy's extra black suit winners. He wins ♦A, cashes ♣A K Q and then ♠A K Q. Now he plays trumps and makes 11 tricks. The defenders had the top four trumps but the 2-2 break meant they took only two trump tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	1N	Pass	4♥	All Pass				
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<div>♠87643 ♥KQ ♦K63 ♣732</div> <div>♠AQ ♥J763 ♦942 ♣8654</div> <div>♠KJ ♥109852 ♦108 ♣KQ109</div> <div>♠10952 ♥A4 ♦AQJ75 ♣AJ</div>	<div>Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1♦</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>4♠</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>South opens his longest suit. North's spades are poor but he must show them: quantity before quality especially where majors are concerned. South's spades are also poor but he knows of an 8card fit when North responds 1♠ so he must support spades. 3♠ shows roughly 15-17 high card points (occasionally a little less if there is a shortage). Although ♣J is missing East has a club sequence so he leads ♣K. Declarer can do no better than win ♣A and rely on trumps being 2-2. He plays a small trump and both defenders follow suit. They cash ♣K but must return the lead to declarer, who plays another trump. Again the defenders had the top four trumps but the 2-2 break meant they took only two trump tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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<div>♠K1084 ♥95 ♦KQJ9 ♣632</div> <div>♠A7652 ♥A876 ♦A54 ♣J</div> <div>♠Q ♥KQJ3 ♦63 ♣KQ10987</div> <div>♠J93 ♥1042 ♦10872 ♣A54</div>	<div>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>West follows a now-familiar route to promise at least 5 spades and at least 4 hearts. Here East West find a heart fit after opener shows the second suit. With 13 points East must ensure game is reached, so blasts 4♥. North leads ♦K, top of a sequence. West wins ♦A and draws trumps. Now he should overtake ♣J with ♣K and carry on playing clubs to force out ♣A. Because he has all the high clubs except ♣A he can afford to overtake ♣J. This manoeuvre also prevents the defence from gaining from devilishly ducking that first round of clubs. That would spell defeat because declarer cannot now both set up <i>and</i> enjoy the long clubs. Try it.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass				
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