

CHECKBACK OVER 1NT REBID

You are North. What would you rebid with the following hands after the following auction.

North East South West
1♣/1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
?

Hand 1

♠ K42

♥ 102

♦ AJ75

♣ AK84

Hand 2

♠ K4

♥ Q32

♦ AJ75

♣ AK84

Hand 3

♠ J876

♥ K

♦ AJ7

♣ AKJ84

Hand 4

♠ J876

♥ K

♦ AQ72

♣ AJ83

What I suggest is that you rebid 1NT on all of these hands showing 15-17 (balanced)

So why am I advocating rebidding 1NT on all these hands?

- It expresses your overall strength to partner at a low level.
- It expresses the essentially balanced nature of your hand to partner.
- You do not need to reverse on poor suits or 4-4-4-1 hands.
- You will have the ability to find your 5-3 and 4-4 major suit fits using checkback which I will come on to shortly.
- It enables partner to respond to your 1 of a suit opening on minimum values without fear you are going to bid too high on your second bid.
- Your 2NT rebid is now 18-19.

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THE AUCTION HAS GONE

North East South West

1♣/1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT

YOU HAVE POTENTIALLY THE VALUES FOR GAME IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING HANDS BUT YOU ARE NOT SURE OF THE BEST GAME (3NT, 4♥, 4♠)

Hand 1

♠ KQ52

♥ K654

♦ Q2

♣ 987

Hand 2

♠ A42

♥ AQ432

♦ 1095

♣ 82

Hand 3

♠ KQ52

♥ K10985

♦ 102

♣ 103

Hand 4

♠ KJ54

♥ Q875

♦ Q2

♣ 987

On each of these hands you should bid 2♣ (says nothing about clubs) as a general inquiry asking partner to describe their hand in more detail.

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So what are the responses?

North	East	South	West
1♣/1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4	Hand 5	Hand 6
♠ K432	♠ K4	♠ J876	♠ K8	♠ K32	♠ KQ2
♥ 102	♥ Q32	♥ K	♥ K32	♥ 102	♥ 102
♦ AJ	♦ AJ75	♦ AJ7	♦ A872	♦ AJ72	♦ AJ72
♣ AK984	♣ AK84	♣ AKJ84	♣ AJ83	♣ AK84	♣ AK84

You need to ask yourself the following questions?

- 1) Am I minimum or maximum for my 1NT rebid.
- 2) Do I have 3 card support for partners major.
- 3) Do I have 4 cards in an unbid major.

So on the hands opposite – what do I bid?

If I am minimum I should bid at the 2 level.

If I am maximum I should bid at the 3 level.

Therefore

Hand 1 - 2♠ (I have 4 cards in the other major)

Hand 2 - 3♥ (I have 3 card support for partner)

Hand 3 - 3♠ (I have 4 cards in the other major)

Hand 4 - 2♥ (I have 3 card support for partner)

Hand 5 - 2♦ (I have neither of the above)

Hand 6 - 3♦ (I have neither of the above)

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Going back to the following hands as South

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4
♠ KQ52	♠ A42	♠ KQ52	♠ KJ54
♥ K654	♥ AQ432	♥ K10985	♥ Q875
♦ Q2	♦ 1095	♦ 102	♦ Q2
♣ 987	♣ 82	♣ 103	♣ 987

On Hand 1 - What do I do if partner responds

- a) 2♥/3♥ - Bid 3NT
- b) 2♠/3♠ - Bid 4♠
- c) 2♦/3♦ - Bid 3NT

On Hand 2 - What do I do if partner responds

- a) 2♥/3♥ - Bid 4♥
- b) 2♠/3♠ - Bid 3NT
- c) 2♦/3♦ - Bid 3NT

North	East	South	West
1♣/1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
A response	Pass	?	

On Hand 3 - What do I do if partner responds

- a) 2♥/2♠ - Pass
- b) 3♥ - Bid 4♥
- c) 3♠ - Bid 4♠
- d) 2♦ - Bid 2NT
- e) 3♦ - Bid 3NT

On Hand 4 - What do I do if partner responds

- a) 2♥ - Bid 2NT
- b) 2♠ - Pass
- c) 3♥ - Bid 3NT
- d) 3♠ - Bid 4♠
- e) 2♦ - Bid 2NT
- f) 3♦ - Bid 3NT

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There are other benefits from playing these methods
The auction has gone

North	East	South	West
1♣/1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4	Hand 5
♠ A109432	♠ A9876	♠ A9876	♠ AQ432	♠ AQ10876
♥ J32	♥ Q5432	♥ 109	♥ 8	♥ 8
♦ 98	♦ 109	♦ Q1098	♦ AQ432	♦ K32
♣ 98	♣ 8	♣ 102	♣ 98	♣ Q2

On Hand 1 – bid 2♠ - showing a weak hand with at least six spades.

On Hand 2 – bid 2♥ - showing a weak hand with 4+♥ and 5+♠ asking partner to choose.

On hand 3 – bid 2♦ - showing a weak hand with 4+♦ and 5+♠ asking partner to choose.

On hand 4 – bid 3♦ - showing a game going hand but with least 5-5 distribution.

On hand 5 – bid 3♠ - showing a game going hand with 6 spades.