

LET'S PLAY SOME MORE

954
 952 2 Hearts
 K8632 Pass
 AQ

QJ1083			K2	
Void	Pass		A1087	Pass
Q954	Pass		J7	Pass
9743			J10862	

A76
 KQJ643 DEALER – 1 Heart
 A10 4 Hearts
 K5

West leads the Queen of spades, you play the 4, East should play the K (unblock) and you win your Ace. You have only two spade losers outside of the trump suit. So, the contract is safe provided you can avoid losing more than one heart trick. Plan your play!

J7 DEALER – 1 Diamond
 KQ5 2 Diamonds
 QJ10873 Pass
 K4

K10853			9642	
A83	Pass		J1062	Pass
5	Pass		AK4	Pass
10652			87	Pass

AQ
 974 2 Clubs
 962 3 NT
 AQJ93

West leads the 5 of spades, you play the 7, East plays the 9, you win your queen. After the opening spade lead, you have two spade tricks. You also have 5 club tricks. Two more tricks are needed. The diamond suit offers the opportunity to develop four tricks through promotions by driving out the A and K. However, that would require you giving up the lead twice to the defenders. What's wrong with this plan? Do you have a better plan?

K754 Your bid?
A863
86
K53

J8
QJ92 Pass
72
Q8762

Q102 DEALER – 3 Diamonds
107
KQJ10943
9

A963
K54 Double
A5
AJ104

East opens with a preemptive 3 diamond bid. Holding a good hand with support for the unbid suits, South makes a takeout double...With 10 high-card points, advancer (North) is suppose to jump, but should North jump to 4 hearts or 4 spades? South, what's your bid??

General Rules about Forcing Auctions:

Jumps in previously bid suits by either partner are invitational, not forcing, unless one partner has already shown at least game values.

Opener's reverses is forcing for one round. Jump shifts by opener on the 2nd round or by responder on the 1st round of the auction create a game force, not just a one round force.

If the opponents overcall, a cue bid of the opponents' suits by either of us on the 2nd round of the auction or later is game forcing.

If opener makes a jump of 2 NT, all continuations by responder are game forcing.

New suit responses to preempts are forcing.

When we have found an 8 card major suit fit, new suits are game tries, forcing to at least 3 of the agreed suit.

A jump to 2 NT by responder over a minor suit opening is invitation, 11 to a bad 12.

New suit rebids by opener are not forcing, but are wide ranging, usually pass or correct. Example: opener 1 Heart, Responder 1 Spade, Opener's rebid of 2 clubs or 2 diamonds, pass or correct, Opener didn't reverse or make a strong ump shift bid.

Reading assignment: Ask Jerry, April 2023 Bridge Bulletin