

SURPRISE HANDS

KJ72 DEALER – 1 Heart
 AKJ107 Your bid?
 A102
 4

108	53 Pass
543 2 Clubs	Q862
74	J95
AKQJ75	10963

AQ964
 9 1 Spade
 KQ863
 82

If North jumps to 4 spades, South will pass. If North bids 4 clubs (Splinter bid) showing a void or singleton in clubs, South will ask for controls. North would show 3 and South would have an easy bid of 6 spades.

When North bids 4 spades, South doesn't know why he bid game. If North splinters and bids 4 clubs, South knows why North bid game and will try to slam

A1052 2 Clubs
 83 3 NT
 Q1064
 A86

Q983 Pass	K74
Q1052 Pass	J7 Pass
A9	8732
1054	Q973

J6 DEALER – 1 NT
 AK964 2 Hearts
 KJ5
 KJ2

If you open 1 Heart with the South hand and partner responds 1 Spade, you have no rebid which describes your hand to partner. The simplest way to avoid this problem is to open 1 NT despite the 5 card heart suit. If partner has only 2 hearts, you haven't missed a fit. If partner has 4 hearts and a game going hand, he'll use Stayman and you'll find your fit. It's only if he has precisely 3 hearts that you may miss your 8 card fit and play in 3 NT.

A865
 AJ 5 Diamonds
 J1042
 A32

J43
 107 3 Clubs
 K6
 Q109865

Q72 DEALER – 1 club
 Q542 Pass
 A3
 KJ74

K109
 K9863 2 NT (unusual)
 Q9875
 Void

South's 2 NT shows the 2 lower unbid suits. North has 4 card support of partner's diamonds, AJ doubleton of hearts and 3 Aces. North should jump to 5 diamonds. Notice, if South passes and West raises to 3 clubs, difficult for North to come in.

AKQ82
 Q10 DEALER – 2NT
 A84 4 NT (3 Aces)
 AJ6 Pass

97543
 A7532 Ace
 6 Pass
 42

10
 K9864 Pass
 9752 Pass
 1053 Pass

J6
 J 4 Clubs (Gerber)
 KQJ103 6 Diamonds
 KQ987

North's response to Gerber showed 3 Aces so South knows there's 1 missing and a grand slam is out of the question. Some might take a shot at 6NT but 6 of a minor is much safer – it would still make if NS were missing the AK of hearts, (not if they were missing AK of spades.) 6 diamonds is definitely better than 6 C because the suit is much more solid.

When you have 4 card support for partner's response, you always need to show it by raising

- a. To the 2 level with 12 – 14 points
- b. To the 3 level with 15-17 points
- c. To the 4 level with 18-19 points

Because you have a fit, you can count distribution points in deciding on your rebid.