

UNUSUAL NO TRUMP (UNT)

Ans 3H 4H 3C 5C

Why do we use two suited overcalls?

- They come up reasonably frequently.
- They give partner a lot of information in a single bid.
- They don't take anything away by using up a bid that we could use for something else.
- To get in the way of the opposition.
- For a part score or to find a game
- To see if it's worth sacrificing

The Unusual No Trump convention shows the two lowest unbid suits, at least 5,5

This bid describes your hand perfectly to partner and is disruptive to the opps but remember, if you end up defending you have described your hand perfectly to everyone.

So,

Over 1C , 2NT shows Hearts and Diamonds.

Over 1D , 2NT shows Hearts and Clubs

Over 1H or 1S , 2NT shows the minors

Over 1H or 1S, these are perfect UNT hands, 5-5 shape and all the points in the two long suits.

7 63 KQ742 AJT65	85 VOID KJT43 KQJ976
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Your suits should be decent, QJXXX or better **BUT** if vulnerable, have another honour QJ10xx

Poor suits with the points in the short suits. Pass	Clubs are too poor for 2NT
K AQ 98732 J8654	3 AK962 74 J7432

How many points do you need for an UNT?

Points. Wide ranging. Some say 6hcp +, others say you should be either weak or strong. Andrew Robson says, 'this is too restricting. The better the shape, 6, 6, 1 or 6, 5, 2 the better your hand'

How do you respond to an UNT?

Usually choose one of partner's suits at the lowest level. Partner will often be weak. If they are strong they will go on.

If you have a good fit and points be bold.

What would you bid?

Bidding has been 1D **2NT** Pass **YOU**

You hold

J8753 K63 J7 Q102	A8753 KJ6 A7 J107	8532 9753 J8 984	32 Q7 A872 KJ985
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