

## Opener's rebid in first or second seat – some tips

### **Tip 1: Rebid in NT when you have a flat 4333 shape**

K965	1C	1D
AJ7	?	
Q98	<i>Even though this hand has 4 spades, bid 1NT as it has a flat 4333 shape.</i>	
QJT	<i>This immediately limits your hand and tells your partner that you have a minimum opening hand and a balanced hand.</i>	

KJT	1H	1S
AQ732	?	
A7	<i>A jump in NT shows a 18-19 HCP and a balanced or semi-balanced hand.</i>	
KQ5	<i>It is game forcing.</i>	
	<i>Raising responder's spades with only 3 card support would be wrong here as you have a better option and partner may only have 4 spades and you don't want to be in 4S with only a 7 card fit.</i>	

### **Tip 2: Generally, show your second suit before rebidding a six card suit**

KJ97	1D	1H
54	?	
AQT943	Bid 1S.	
A	<i>With a 6-4 shape or a 5-4 shape, show your second suit, particularly if it is a major suit. The exception would be if your second suit is a very poor minor suit and your first suit is very strong.</i>	
AQ9542	1S	1NT
KQ87	?	
543	<i>Rebid 2H not 2S. Don't pass. Responder could have 4 hearts. Here opener is showing a minimum two suited hand, asking partner</i>	
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*to give preference to one of opener's suits. With 2 spades and 3 hearts, responder should rebid 2S as a sign off. With a weak hand and a preference for hearts, responder should pass.*

**Tip 3: Don't rebid a suit responder has denied unless it serves a useful purpose**

K765	1H	1N
AKJ852	?	
9	Invite to game by rebidding 3H, not 2S.	
AJ	Responder has denied having 4 spades so bidding 2S serves no purpose. With a very weak hand responder can pass. With 8 or 9 points, responder can bid 4H.	

**Tip 4: Don't reverse with a minimum opening hand**

642	1D	1S
AKT3	?	
AKJ96	Rebid 2H, which is a 'reverse'. An unforced rebid at the 2-level in a suit higher ranked than the first bid suit is known as a reverse bid. The requirements for a reverse are:	
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16/17HCP (some experts do it on less)</li> <li>• a two-suited hand</li> <li>• the first bid suit is longer than the second suit.</li> </ul>	

A reverse is forcing for one round.

Don't reverse with a weak opening hand.

7	1C	1S
J8	?	
AKJ7	Rebid 2C, not 1NT or 2D.	
AT7432	This hand has minimum opening values. It also has a wasted J and a misfit with responder's spades.	

2D would be a reverse, showing 16/17+ and would force responder to the 3 level if their preference is clubs – remember responder may only have 6 HCP!

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1D

1S

KQ72

?

AQJT8

*Rebid 2D. Although rebidding a weak 5 card suit is to be avoided, here the club suit is good and there is no other suitable option - rebidding 2H would be a reverse and no trumps is unattractive with a weak doubleton in clubs.*

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A great Peter Hollands video on reverses can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c76LycOw4bU>

**Tip 5: Sometimes it is acceptable to raise responder's major with only 3 card support**

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1C

1H

AJ3

?

A42

*Prefer 2H rather than 1NT, given the spade weakness or 2C, given the poor quality club suit.*

A9432

4

1D

1H

AQT

?

K95432

Bid 2H

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*The choice here is between rebidding a poor diamond suit or raising responder's hearts with only 3 card support. Given the quality of the heart suit, raising partner is the best option.*