

Moysian Fits
(or How to Play a 4-3 Fit)

While we strongly prefer to have at least 8 cards when deciding to name a suit trump we don't always have this luxury. The most frequent cause of this is that the opponents have bid and we don't have a better choice. For those of you who play them, support doubles will frequently cause this situation.

Example #1

♠A53
♥K973
♦Q32
♣432

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	X	Pass	?

We don't have much choice other than to bid 2H

Or consider when we don't have a suit stopped for NT.

Example #2

♠K87
♥54
♦Q984
♣AK86

West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♥	X	Pass	?

You don't have good options here for a rebid. Consider bidding 1S here as you don't want to bid NT without a heart stopper and you'd much rather play a major than a minor.

But enough about when they might occur, what are the strategies for playing in them?

- Try not to ruff in the 4 card hand
- Often delay drawing trump to avoid being tapped
- Ruffing in the short hand can give you extra tricks
- Lose tricks early
- Try to have good trump because the opponents might be able to get promotions
- Consider cross ruffing if you have enough tricks