BIDDING

INVITATIONAL BIDS

By Responder Partner Opens 1NT



with the Monroes

When partner opens the bidding 1NT (15-17) and right-hand opponent passes, Responder invites with 8-9 points. Responder may explore for a major suit fit before making an invitational raise to 2NT.

		Responder's Bids
Partner Opens 1NT	Responder's Strength	Invite to Game
15-17 POINTS	8-9 Points	 Raise to 2NT with no Major Suit interest or fit. Raise an 8-card Major Suit fit to the 3-level

QUANTITATIVE RAISE TO 2NT to invite with no major suit fit

TOOLS	EXPLORE FOR AN 8-CARD MAJOR SUIT FIT				
	ASK OPENER "Do you have a 4-card Major Suit?"				
ASK	2 ♦ = NO Bid 2NT				
	2 ♥ - YES I have 4-hearts 2 ♠ = YES I have 4-spades				
		Do you have an 8-card fit with Opener's Major suit?			
STAYMAN	YES = Raise the major suit to the 3-level				
Bid 2♣	NO = Bid 2NT				
NOT RECOMMENDED WITH BALANCED 4-3-3-3 SHAPE	1N 2	8-CARD HEART FIT	1N 2	NO HEART FIT	
	2♥ 3♥	Raise to 3 💙	2 ♥ 2N	Raise to 2NT	
	1N 2	NO SPADE FIT	1N 2	No-major suit fit	
	2 2 N	Raise to 2NT	2 ♦ 2N	RAISE TO 2NT	

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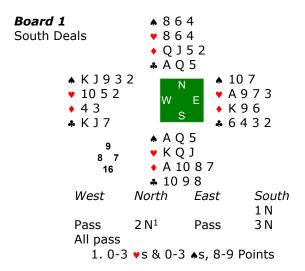
TOOLS	EXPLORE FOR AN 8-CARD MAJOR SUIT FIT				
	TELL OPENER "I have 5 or more cards in the transfer Major suit."				
	2 ♦ transfers Opener to bid 2 ♥ (5 or more hearts)				
TELL	2♥ transfers Opener to bid 2♠ (5 or more spades)				
	NOTE: Opener may have as few as 2 cards in the transfer major suit.				
	1.	1. Transfer then bid 2NT with a 5-card major suit.			
JACOBY	2. Transfer then raise the major suit to the 3-level with 6 or more cards.				
TRANSFER	1N	2 💚 *	*TRANSFERS OPENER TO BID 2		
5 OR MORE CARDS IN A MAJOR SUIT	2 🌲	3 *	*6 OR MORE \$\infty\$ s = 8-CARD FIT. RAISE TO THE 3-LEVEL TO INVITE		
	1N	2 💙 *	*TRANSFERS OPENER TO BID 2		
	2 🌲	2N*	*5 s = UNKNOWN FIT. RAISE TO 2NT TO INVITE		

When Does the 1NT Opener Accept the Invitation?

- 17 points (top of the range)
- 16 points with UPGRADES
 - o 10s and 9s
 - Touching (working) honor cards
 - o Good shape (4-3-3-3 is worst)

Responder (8-9 points) Invites After Partner Opens 1 NT

No Majors, bid 2NT



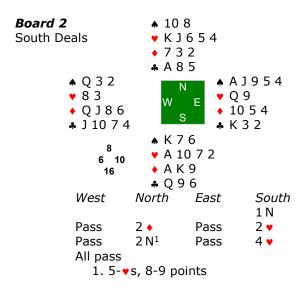
Contract: 3 NT South, 9 Tricks

Lead: ▲ 3, 4th highest, East plays ▲ 10

Sure Tricks: 2-4, 1-4, 1-4 = 4.

Play: South wins the $\bigcirc Q$ and lead the $\bigcirc 10$ for a double finesse. The $\bigcirc Q$ is led from Dummy, a repeating finesse. Then promote $\bigcirc V$ s before winning the $\bigcirc A$.

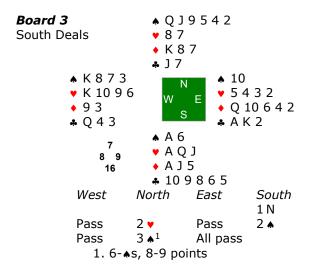
5-**♥**s, 8-9 points



Contract: 4 **v** South, 10 Tricks **Lead:** • Q, Seq., East plays • 10 **Losers (N):** 2-♠, 1-**v**, 1-•, 2-♣ = 6.

Play: South wins the ◆ A and plays the ◆ AK, (nine-never). A ♠ is led toward the ♠ K, and a ♣ is led toward the ♣ Q, indirect finesses.

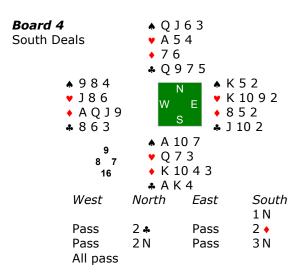
6-card ♠ Suit



Contract: 3 ♠ South, 9 Tricks **Lead:** ♥ 10, top of interior sequence **Losers(N):** 2-♠, 1-♥, 1-♦, 2-♣ = 6.

Play: The free ♥ finesse wins. South wins the ♠ A and leads toward the ♠ QJ. South wins the ♦ K and leads toward the ♦ AJ.

Stayman Finds No 8-card Fit

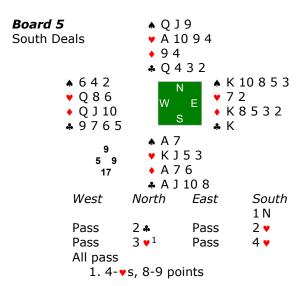


Contract: 3 NT South, 9 Tricks **Lead:** ◆ Q, Top of interior sequence **Sure Tricks:** 1-♠, 1-♥, 3-♣ = 5.

Play: South wins the \bullet K then the \bullet AKQ9. South leads the \bullet Q for a repeating finesse. \bullet split 3-3 and the \bullet A is the entry for the last \bullet .

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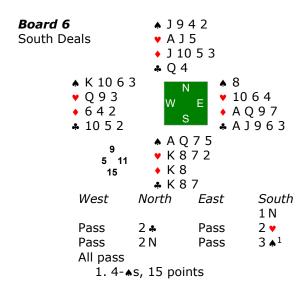
4-4 ♥ Fit, Invite & Accept



Contract: 4 **v** South, 10 Tricks **Lead:** • Q, Seq., East plays • 8 **Losers:** 1-♠, 1-**v**, 2-•, 1-♣ = 5.

Play: South has a 2-way ♥ finesse, 50% either way. For the ♠ finesse, lead the ♠ Q. For the ♣ finesse, lead the ♣ 2. Watch entries to Dummy.

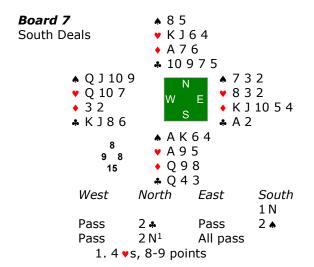
Implied 4-4 ♠ Fit, Not Accepted



Contract: 3 ★ South, 9 Tricks **Lean:** ★ 2 (or ★ 2), East plays ★ J **Losers:** 2-★, 2-▼, 2-★, 2-♣ = 8.

Play: South takes finesses in ♥s, ♠s, and ♦s by leading the lowest card in each suit.

No 4-4 Major Suit Fit



Contract: 2 NT South, 8 Tricks Lead: ♠ Q, Seq., East plays ♠ 2 Sure Tricks: 2-♠, 2-♥, 1-♦ = 5.

Play: South wins the ♠ A and the ♥ A. ♥s are finessed and won (3-3 split). A small ♦ is led toward the ♦ Q, an indirect finesse. 8 tricks is all.