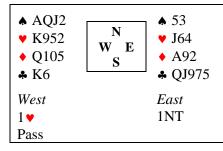


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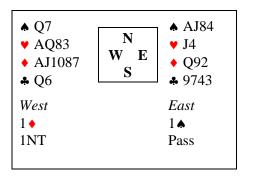
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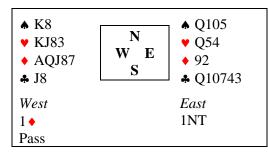


West opens  $1 \checkmark$  with <u>4-4 in the majors</u> (too strong for 1NT) East, not strong enough for  $2\clubsuit$ , makes a <u>weak 1NT response</u> With 15 points West knows there is no game, and passes.

Why does West never bid his beautiful spade suit? East's 1NT bid denies <u>4 cards in either major</u>

There is no 8-card major fit



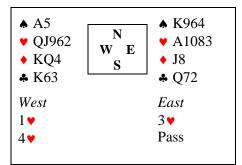


West opens his <u>longest suit</u>, diamonds East makes a weak response of 1NT, West passes. *Why does West not bid his hearts?* 

By responding 1NT partner has <u>denied</u> 4 spades

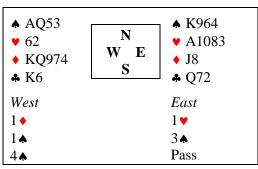
This time West's longest suit is diamonds East responds 1 ▲ West bids 1NT, showing 15-17 points in a balanced hand East has not enough for game, and passes Why does West not bid his hearts? When East bids 1 ▲ he does not definitely deny 4 hearts. He would bid 1 ▲ with 5+spades and 4 hearts. But he will not often have this. It is risky for West to bid 2 ♥: if East does not have 4 hearts what can he bid? 1NT is safer: if East does have 4 hearts he can bid 2♥ now.

When partner shows a 4-card major – raise with 4-card support



West opens his longest suit. East makes a limit raise to  $3 \checkmark$ West is not minimum, and accepts the invitation *Why does East not bid his spades?* 

When you have found one 8-card fit in a major, look no further!



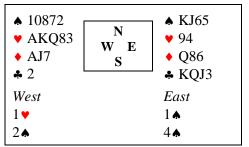
West opens 1 ◆, his longest suit East bids 1 ♥, *bidding 4-card majors upwards* West rebids his second suit. He must have 5 diamonds, because with 4-4 he opens 1NT (with 12-14 HCP), or 1 ♠ (with 15+HCP) *East knows there is an 8-card fit in spades, and makes the same limit raise* he would make if partner had opened 1 ♠.

Whenever supporting partner's major is an option – raise him

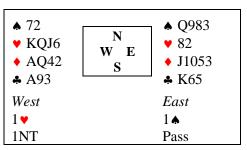


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## Examples of looking for the 8-card major suit fit

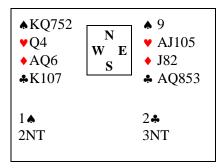


West opens his <u>longest suit</u>. When East responds 1 he makes a <u>limit raise</u> to 2 . East knows partner has *a minimum opening bid*, but with 12 points he bids 4 Why does West not rebid his beautiful hearts? *Always raise partner's major!* If you do not raise at once partner 'knows' you do NOT have 4-card support

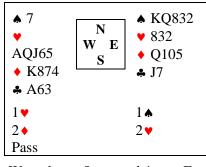


West opens his major suit, hearts. He rebids 1NT (rather than show his 4-card minor) because he has a balanced hand. The 4-4 diamond fit is never found but 1NT is a perfectly good contract.

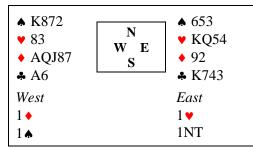
If West had 4 spades he would raise partner, not bid INT. If East had 4 hearts he would raise hearts, not bid 1 **4**. There is no danger of missing a 4-4 major fit



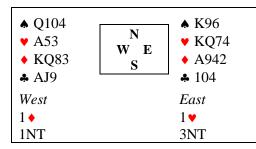
West opens his longest suit. East, with enough for a 2-over-1, bids his longest suit. West rebids 2NT, East raises. Why does West not rebid spades? 2NT describes his hand better: 15+HCP balanced. Why does East not bid hearts? West has denled 4 hearts.



West shows 5+♥s and 4+♦s. East <u>gives preference</u> to hearts. West has a minimum opener and passes. Why does East not pass 2 ♦ when his diamonds are better than his hearts?By bidding a second suit partner shows at least 5-cards in hearts, may have only 4 diamonds.

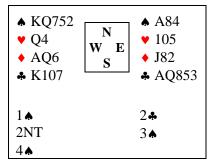


West opens  $1 \blacklozenge$ , and when East bids  $1 \blacktriangledown$  he rebids his second suit,  $1 \bigstar$ . With only 2 diamonds and 3 spades East does not expect an 8-card fit so bids 1NT (With 11-12 points bid 2NT to invite game) Why does East not bid clubs? When partner has bid 2 suits he is unlikely to have 4 cards in a third



West, with a balanced hand too strong for 1NT, opens his longest suit. Even with 4-card support East shows his hearts. West rebids 1NT, East raises to 3NT.

Look for the 4-4 major fit even when you have a known fit in a minor. With two balanced hands prefer to play in 3NT rather than 5 of a minor. 3NT is easier to make



West opens his longest suit and rebids 2NT over the 2-over-1 2**\***. *East shows 3-card spade support in case partner has 5*. East cannot have 4 spades (he would raise at once, not bid 2**\***) so with 4 spades West would bid 3NT. With 5 he chooses the 8-card fit