

Correct the Bidding Error(s) - 3

- 1 -

A North

AQJ5
86
876 N S
AKJ2 1-NT 3-NT
Pass

South

K7
Q7
K932
Q7653

B North

A2
542
AK4 N S
AK985 1C 2C
2-NT 3C
P

South

K
AT6
Q865
JT743

C North

AQ7
AK74
Q86 S N
652 1-NT “4-NT”
“5D” “5-NT”
“6H” 6-NT

South

KJ98
QJ83
A7
KQJ

D North

N S
1C Pass

South

K9852
QT2
32
864

E North

N S
1D Pass

South

KJ9875
52
97
953

F North

N S
1C Pass

South

A987
T94
864
532

G North

AT984
AK
K543 N S
K7 1S 2S
4S P

South

Q63
9732
Q62
Q83

H North

AT76
A54
9 N S
AQJ43 1C 1D
1S 2H
3-NT P

South

J
J762
AQ65
T972

I North

AJ9
75
AK9832 N S
K3 1D 1H
2D 3H
P

South

QT
KT9842
76
AQ7

Answers

A) *Opening 1-NT absent stoppers in one suit is acceptable, and, most often, without Disastrous consequence, but with two suits unstopped it is usually best to open one-of-a-suit, and not 1-NT.*

Open 1C, here, not 1-NT. To seek a suit contract with no stoppers in two suits is often, at least at first, the better road. Winding up in a No-Trump contract is often disastrous, as it might be here. The bidding, in this case, would have been better served if it were to have proceeded as follows: **1C – 1D - 1S – 2C - Pass**

B) *Following support at the 2-level for Opener's one-f-a-suit opening, a furtherance of the bidding by Opener shows extra values and is seeking a game-level contract should Responder hold the top of his/her simple raise of Opener's suit.*

Opener is not running away from a “*short club*,” or from a partial score contract in Clubs. Opener is, rather, seeking a possible game with a bigger hand than one with merely minimum values. The re-bid by Opener here of 2-NT shows about 18 HCP's and invites to 3-NT if Responder has a maximum (8-10 HCP's) of his/her 6-10 HCP's originally shown. South, here, should accept the invitation to game. The bidding here should have proceeded as follows: **1C – 2C – 2NT – 3NT - Pass**

C) *A “4-NT” response to a 1-NT opening in not Blackwood. It is quantitative, asking Responder to accept a 6-NT final contract if holding the top of his/her HCP 1-NT count. It is not asking for Aces.*

South, here, should, reject the Slam try and simply “Pass” North's quantitative Slam invitation.

D), E), and F) *Responders are usually accustomed to the requirement of at least 6 or more HCP's in order to respond anything other than a “Pass” when Partner opens one of a suit and RHO has “Passed.” However, with a 5-card Major and 5 HCP's (Example D), or with a 6-card Major with 4 HCP's (Example E), or with any Ace held within the hand (Example F), Responder should not pass a Minor suit opening if his/her RHO, second hand, “Passes.”*
South should bid 1S, audibly, in each of these three examples!

G) Under most circumstances, a 4-3-3-3 distribution has less trick-taking capacity in a suit contract than most other distributions, mainly as a result of no shortness, and, therefore, a lack of any trumping capacity. Therefore, with 3-card support for Partner's Major suit opening and only 6-7 HCP's (more than 9 Losers), Responder should bid 1-NT, and then 2 of Partner's Major on the first re-bid, if given the opportunity.

South, here, should first respond **1-NT**. The bidding will thus proceed as follows:

1S – 1NT – 2D – 2S - Pass

H) A "Reverse" by Responder exhibits opening count or more, and is forcing to game.
South here is too weak to have "**Reversed**," forcing the bidding to an unmakeable contract.

The bidding, here, should proceed as follows:

1C – 1D – 1S – 2C – Pass

(or)

1C – 1D – 1S – 1-NT – Pass

I) A jump to the 3-level by a Responder, repeating his/her own suit, is invitational (10-12 HCP's or its equivalent), and is not forcing.

Holding at least 9 HCP's, a Responder to Partner's opening bid of one-of-a-suit is usually entitled to make at least 2-responses.

Responding hands in the 10-12 HCP range should make invitational re-bids after Opener shows a minimum hand. These invitational re-bids include 2-NT, a bid at the 3-Level of one of the suits already mentioned by either Partner, or the use of "New Minor Forcing."

North, here, having greater than minimum values, should accept Responder's invitational **3H** call, and bid **4H**, not "**Pass**."

The bidding here should have proceeded as follows:

1D – 1H – 2D – 3H – 4H - Pass