

13) Response to 1 in a major opening bid, with 5♦, a 4 carder on the side and a limited hand

We have just seen how to handle in an optimal way, responses to 1 in a major opening bid, when we have a 3 cards fit. As we all know, any conventional bid, takes away the possibility to use such bid in a natural way. Let us suppose that South, over Nord opening of 1♥, has the following hand:

South

♠ 8 6	In case we play natural, South would bid 2♦ showing
♥ 9 4	5+♦ and 10+ HCP. It is quite intuitive, that South aim,
♦ A Q 10 8 7	would North have about 15 HCP and a♠ stopper,
♣ A 10 9 5	is to play in NT. In the specific case, our 2♦ response

(see subject nr 12), would show a 3 cards support in♥ and 5-8 HCP. How could we show to partner our shape as well as our point count, without giving up our artificial 2♦ bid? The answer is simpler than one might think:

N	S
1♥	2♦ = 3 cards fit with 5-8 HCP , or real ♦ .
2♥	pass = 3 cards fit with 5-8 HCP
	3♣ = 5+♦ and 4+♣ with 10-11 HCP and no fit in♥ .
	3♦ = 6♦ N.F

If South has a G.. hand, over 1♥ he would bid 2♣ = artificial G.F. with or without♣.

NB: All bidding sequences seen over 1♥ opening, are perfectly similar to those over 1♠ opening.

Let us look at one more example:

N	S	South hand
1♠	2♦ = 3 cards fit with 5-8 HCP or real ♦	♠ 8
2♠	3♣ = 5+♦ e 4+♣ with 10-11 HCP	♥ Q J 10
3♥	3NT= stopper in♥ .	♦ K J 9 8 7
		♣ K 10 9 5

South, with his second bid, shows a 2 suiter with 10-11 HCP and no fit

for♠. Nord with 14-15 HCP, obviously aiming at 3 NT, bids 3♥ = 4th suit forcing and asking for a stopper. South with 3 honours in♥ , is more than happy to conclude at 3NT.