

ADVANCING OVER A FORCING NT AFTER A MAJOR OPENING

Mr.Periyasamy's question

NONE VUL, IMPS you are the dealer. System >.SAYC.

You hold ♠AK10982 ♥A6,♦KJ 83 ♣A7.You open 1S. Partner bids 1NT,Forcing. OPPs keep passing. What is your rebid?

You may kindly explain the options available.

Sridhar's views :-

Over a forcing NT opener's rebids are oriented towards :- 1. bidding to reach a part score , min hand, say less than 15 HCP; 2. Game try , say Good15 to bad 18 hcp range and 3. Game force, striving for the right game, say good 18+ Hcp.

This hand , with 19 HCP, rich in controls and a good 6-4 shape qualifies for a game force and possibly even exploration for a slam ; a bid of 3D, natural and GF is my choice of re-bid.

Other bids such as 2N/3N / 3S/4S suppress the diamond suit and destroy slam auction ; a hand such as ♠XX ♥JXXX ♦AXXX ♣XX with partner will produce a slam and hence opener must bring diamonds into picture. With no dia support partner will prefer spades by bidding 3S even on a doubleton and opener can rebid 3N/ 4S in the knowledge that there is no dia fit .