

BIDDING OVER AN INVERTED MINOR RAISE

Mr.Naidu's question :- Inverted minors is played in different ways by different players. Can you please suggest me the right method of Inverted Minors. Will it be different for SAYC and 2/1 Game Force systems. Request give me full details and further continuation of bidding.

Sridhar's views :-

There are various systems in vogue and each has its own merits. The way I play it is as follows:-

1C- 2C = inverted raise , shows 4+ clubs and 10+ hcp ; forcing one round but not game force .

Over this, opener rebids :-

1. 2D/H/S = values , may or may not be suit (many play it as natural, suit also).
2. 2nt=bal hand , unlimited, interested in game, may be slam.
3. 3c= min hand with 4+ clubs , non-forcing , no interest in game.
4. 3D/H/S = SPLINTER Game Force.
5. 3NT= 18-19 3 card club.

Responder's rebids :-

1. 3C= min hand, no game interest, Non Forcing.
2. suit bids natural, game interest.
3. 2NT- natural, game force
4. Jump to 3nt=15-17 soft values.
5. jump suit bid= splinter, game force.

Principle is – after an inverted raise which is not game force yet, either opener OR responder can bid 3C at his FIRST available opportunity as Non Forcing, no interest in game; once both have passed up this chance – ie., both have bid something other than 3c at their first turn- then the auction becomes Game Force. All bids are value showing by opener and natural by responder.