

SUIT FITS ESSENTIAL IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Ajay Yadnik's (secunderabad) Question -

“ playing with a strong partner I have . ♠8 6 4 2 ♥K J T 4 ♦A J 5 ♣8 3

Partner	RHO	Myself	LHO
1Club	1D	X	2D
Pass	3Diamond	?	

? What should I do?

Partner Hand ♠ T 9 7 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ T 9 ♣ A Q J 8 5

We had some discussion on what my partner was supposed to do & ended with no agreement.

what is current solution?

Sridhar's views :- The first objective in competitive bidding is to find a suit fit ; your DOUBLE of 1♦ was one such attempt ie: to find a major suit fit. When partner passed 2♦, he denied a 4 card major and extra HCP , say he has a maximum of 14 HCP.

Over 3♦ by your RHO, you must take into account the following :-

1. Your side does not have a suit fit ; to compete at 3 level you need a 9 card fit, you do not have even an 8 card fit !
2. Your side does not have values for game ; certainly your combined values do not exceed 25 HCP (your partner cannot have 16hcp since he passed 2♦)
3. Your side holds 2 balanced hands .

Under these circumstances the best –perhaps the only sensible – action for you is to PASS over 3♦ and prepare to defend that contract . Even as the cards are, 3NT is not a great proposition needing club finesse and 3-3 break in clubs.