

## TRANSFERS OVER 1NT OPENING

### Wajahat's Question :

we play 15-17 Notrump, Red suit transfer on NT, 2C Stayman, 2NT over 1NT is Transfer to 3C to be corrected to 3D if required, by responder, 3C/D/H/S over 1NT is 6 carder suit with either AQ or KQ ( NOT AK to six card, in that case we bid 3NT straight over 1NT).

First of all do you find any problem in this scheme of thing?

Secondly 2Spade slot over 1NT is available to us to be incorporated in our response system to 1NT-Can it be used as modified Baron to locate minor suit fits? If yes, what should be the scheme?

1NT-2C-2D/H/S-3C, we play as forcing to game with 5 carder clubs, no other 4 card suit, but game going values. This is the reason we can't play 3club relay (after 2C-2D-3C).Your advice is awaited.

### Sridhar's views :

The problem with 2N as transfer to an unspecified minor is that opener will not know about which is your suit in competition ; Say it goes 1NT-P-2NT-3H-? Now opener has no idea what to do since he does not know what your suit is, you could miss out a 5-6 fit too. And it goes P-P, over 3H as responder you do not know if you must bid on , defend etc.

A better method is to use 2S as transfer to clubs and 2N as transfer to Diamonds, thus establishing clarity in partnership over suit holdings. Since these transfers are ' 2 unders ' opener can make the intermediate bid to show the super fit and max – eg 1NT-2S-2NT shows good club fit + max ; 1NT-2NT-3C = shows good diamond fit and max ; with other hands, opener simply accepts the transfer; this can eliminate the need for you to bid 1NT-3C to show 2 honours to 6 and use the 3C bid for something else , since now you can transfer to minor with 2 honors to 6 and see if opener shows superfit and decide accordingly.

Playing transfers, I see no merit in playing 1N-2C-2D/H/S- 3C show clubs Game forcing; why don't you simply transfer to 3C and bid 3N or bid another 4 card suit also ?