

BIDDING OVER 2NT OPENING

Naba's Question :

I would like to get the following clarified from you.

(1). we are playing 20-21 2NT , may contain 5 card [major.in](#) response to 3C ,3H/3S reply shows 5 card bid suit major,3D indicates atleast one 4 card major suit and 3 NT reply shows no major more than 3 card.

I have ♠AJ109xx ♥10xxx ♦x ♣xx

In response to ptr's 2 NT bid , what should my ideal response;

(2). I am holding ♠x ♥AKxxx ♦Axxxxx ♣Q10

bidding goes 1H- P- 1NT- P

2D- P- 2H - -P

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I bid 3D whether it is correct ?

My ptr holding ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦Qxx ♣A10xx

What should be his action in Vul and Non Vul situation ?

Sridhar's views

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1. Playing Puppet stayman (I e what you are playing 3C asking for 5 card major) , this hand is difficult to show meaningfully and keep slam possibilities alive – I would suggest you distinguish between a DIRECT 4 level transfer to game (say 2N-4H =transfer to 4S) and a transfer at 3 level and raise to 4 level subsequently – here for eg 2N-3H(trf to 3S) -3S-4S to show that the second sequence shows a mild slam interest ; opener is expected to continue with a hand that contains controls (aces and Kings) and also source of tricks (like KQJX in a side suit) . Over 2N opening, without any interest in slam the responder should simply transfer to 4S via 4H and pass.

Alternatively you can transfer to 3S via 3H and then jump to 5C showing a singleton club (self –splinter) –opener can evaluate his hand knowing you have a 6 card spade and a singleton club without clear cut slam values and then decide.

2. I agree with your bid of 3D which shows at least 5-5 in red suits and possibly 6-5 or 5-6 and game try ; I think with the hand that your partner held he should bid game 4H in both Vul and Non Vul positions at IMPS . His hand has ideal values – 3 trumps, Queen of diamond which is your second suit and an outside ACE (clubs)