



The responder, without a fit in a major, after an overcall

Without a fit in the opener's major

- PASS with less than 8HCP...and nothing to say
- Without 4 cards in the other major and with stoppers in the overcalled suit : NT bids
- From 8HCP and 4 cards in the other major Sputnik double
- Suit shift with 11HCP and a nice 5 cards suit
- Cue bid of the overcalled suit with 12+HCP.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♦ | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K | 4 | Q | J | 9 | 4 | Q | 8 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

Problème E1250

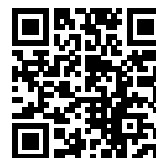
PASS reluctantly. With a weak hand, do not use the Sputnik with only 2 cards in one of the unbid majors.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♦ | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | | | |

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| 7 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | A | K | 10 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

Problème E1452

PASS ...Wisdom



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Without a fit in a major, NT responses

These bids deny 4 cards in the other major and guarantee 1 or 2 stoppers in the suit of the overcall:

- 1NT with 6 - 10HCP (1 stopper is enough)
- 2NT with 11-12HCP and 2 stoppers

| S | W | N | E |
|------|---|-----|-----|
| | | 1 ♦ | 2 ♣ |
| 2 NT | | | |

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| Q | 9 | 5 | K | 10 | A | J | 10 | 8 | J | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

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2 stoppers and 11HCP, 2NT game invite

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♦ | 2 ♣ |
| 3 NT | | | |

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| K | 9 | 4 | A | J | 7 | A | Q | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

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3NT with 14HCP and a double stopper in ♣



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Without a fit in the major, Sputnik

The responder's Sputnik double :

4 cards in the other major, or...calling for the minors, if both majors were named.

A minimum strength of 7-8HCP

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♠ | 2 ♣ |
| 2 ♦ | | | |



A ♠ fit, a doubleton and 5 beautiful cards in ♦

You can't just show support at 2 ♠ with such a hand : You may be missing out on a game Make a suit shift, which make the sequence forcing.

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♦ | 1 ♠ |
| X | | | |



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Sputnik for ♥



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Suit shift

Round forcing, This bid requires a nice 5+ cards suit and 10-11HCP

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | | | |



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This suit shift is forcingt forcing. Don't jump the gun.