



The opener's rebid after the responder's jump support

The jump support by the responder shows at least 4 trumps but less than 10HCP

The opener's choice of rebids :

- With a first-zone hand (12-14HCP), it all depends on the quality of the hand: the aces, the intermediate cards, where the honors are placed, the distribution etc....PASS or go to game
- With a second-zone hand the opener:
 - with no hope of slam calls game
 - starts the controls
- With a third-zone hand: controls, Blackwood or Josephine...according to his hand.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			



Problem E1681 With a hand in the 1st zone and 10 trumps, only go to game not slam.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥			



Problem E9104. With this strong hand you only want to know if your P controls ♣. Start the controls.



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With a first-zone hand, the opener

- **calls game** with a good quality hand, i.e. containing one or two aces, good intermediate cards and either well-placed honors or an interesting distribution or both.
- calls game with 10 trumps in the team
- passes with a weak hand.

The key to success at this stage is to correctly assess your hand. A 12HCP hand can often be worth much more than a 14HCP hand...

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass			



Problem E5213 PASS no aces at all, no 9's or 10's, honors in the doubleton and dispersed, and a balanced hand (5332)

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			



Problem E5214 4 hearts with 13HCP in a good-quality hand: a 5431 distribution, the honors concentrated in the 2 suits and the two major aces.



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Hoping for slam: the controls

The opener starts the controls by calling his first controlled suit :

- 3 spades or 4 clubs if hearts are trumps
- 4 clubs if spades are trumps and he controls the clubs
- 3NT if spades are trumps and he doesn't have club control. This "impossible" bid (since a strong spade fit has been found) avoids going to the five level for the club control

9	5	Q	J	7	2	8	7	5	A	Q	J	9
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦
S			W			N			E			
1 ♥			Pass			3 ♥			Pass			
3 ♠												
A	K	Q	6	A	K	9	8	6	5	9	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣

Problem E5210 3 spades to start the controls. With this hand, all you need to know is whether your partner controls the clubs!



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Holding all the controls, the opener can ask for slam in several ways:

- Blackwood : **4 NT**
- Slam proposal by calling 5 in the opening major. This asks: "if you have strong trumps we can call slam"
- Josephine: 5NT. This asks the responder to call grand slam with 2 high honors in trumps. If not, to call slam.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♠			

10 ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	7 ♠	6 ♠	3 ♠	A ♣	Q ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	J ♦	9 ♦
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Problème E5063

5 spades. Slam proposal. The responder will call slam if he has strong trumps.