

A 4 card fit

Review sheet 41DB-3



Response bids to a 1♥ or 1♠ overcall : with a 4 card fit

Your P has just overcalled and can have from 8-17HCP. (X as of 18HCP). He has a minimum of 5 cards in the bid suit. You can support his bid in different ways depending on your point count :

- the weakest support bid is a jump fit to 3♥ or 3♠ : You need 4-7HCP and an irregular distribution : this is a pre-empt
- intermediary support bid is : a jump cue-bid of Opener's bid with 8-9HCP
- Positive support bid is 2NT for which you need at least 10HCP
- jump shift bid : a 4 card fit and a strong 5-carder
- double jump shift bid : a 4 card fit and a void/singleton in Opener's suit (Splinter Family)
- Much less frequent : with 4 trumps, a non jump cue-bid : looking for a possible Slam



Problem 9912 3♥ : the weakest support bid is a jump fit showing 4 trumps. Pre-empt bid. Trying to stop Opps from finding ♠ contract.



Problem 9913 3. : intermediary support bid. A jump cue-bid with 8-9HCP

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Positive support bids

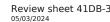


Problem 9914 2NT Positive support bid needing at least 10HCP



Problem 9914 2 Jump shift with 4 trump cards and a strong 5 carder.

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Slam Bidding

- non-jump cue-bid is the strongest support bid :
 - this is quite a rare bid needing 4 trumps
 - this is used as the starter to finding a possible Slam contract
 - $\circ~$ Don't forget this bid doesn't promise a fit, but shows Slam interest
- Double jump cue-bid is a Splinter (void/singleton in Opp's suit) a minimum of a 4 card support and strength to go to Game
- This bid denies a strong 5-carder, otherwise you need to bid "meet-me"



Problem 9917 2T non-jump cue-bid : Departure point for the start of Slam bidding.



Problem 5253 Double jump cue-bid : Splinter equivalent. Short in the Opener's suit, at least 4 trumps and strength for Game...

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