



Texas and 2-suiters

Bids after a 1NT opening : Texas and 2-suiters.

Sometimes, the Responder can also have a suit with 4 cards as well as a 5 card suit :

- With a major 5-4 and at least 7-8HCP, it's recommended to use a Stayman bid.
- With a 2-suiter in a major and a minor at least 5-4, Responder starts with a Texas bid for the major, then he bids his minor if he has the points to go for Game.
- With a 2-suiter in both majors 5-5, there are 3 different bids that can be used : a bid showing a weak hand and no hope for Game, a bid showing strength for Game and the last is a bid with Slam hopes.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♥			



Problem E2337 0 points... Texas for ♥ is the only bid. You'll pass on the next round. A 2 ♥ contract is better than a 1 NT contract. At least your ♥ will come in useful !

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♥			



Problem E2355 Start by bidding your 5 card major with a Texas bid. On the next round you can bid your ♦. After a Texas bid for a 5 card major, bidding a minor suit makes the bidding sequence Game forcing. With 2-suiters a Texas bid is the only way to go !



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With a 2-suiter : 5 card major and 4 card minor

- With no hope of Game, it's a Texas bid for the major, then Pass on the next bidding round.
- With points to go for Game, bid your minor after Opener has rectified your Texas bid. This bid is Game forcing.

Opener's bids after a Texas :

- With 3 or 4 cards in the same major as P ; priority given to bid the major
- Otherwise, the Opener bids 3 NT if he is short in the 2 suits bid by Responder
- Opener bids a suit (in one of the two short suits held by Responder)
 - This bid denies a fit in the major
 - and also signals he can't play 3 NT if Responder doesn't have stoppers in the 4th suit.
 - If this is the case, then they need to find the least bad contract.
 - Most often, Opener will play 4 ♥ or 4 ♠ with only 7 trumps

Q	J	9	4	2	7	9	6	A	Q	10	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT			

8	7	A	K	J	6	K	Q	10	4	K	8	6
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 6011 Opener has stoppers in ♣ and ♥ so bids NT. Responder's 2nd suit bid makes the bidding sequence Game forcing.

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦			

10	4	3	K	4	A	Q	7	A	Q	4	3	2
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5180 Bid your ♦ to show your strength. If your P holds ♠, he can then bid 3 NT.



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A 2-suiter at least 5-5

With a 2-suiter at least 5-5 depending on the strength of the hand there are 3 possible bids

- With no hope of Game, Responder bids a Texas for his major, Opener rectifies the bid, the Responder passes on the next bidding round.
- With points to bid Game, but no Slam hopes (at least 9HCP), Responder bids 4 ♦ on a 1 NT opening. Opener chooses the major and will be the Declarer. A word of advice, with 4 cards in both majors, Opener should bid his weakest major so as to avoid a ruff after the lead in the other major (cf example below)
- With Slam hopes, Responder bids a Texas for ♠ and then bids ♥
 - If Opener has a ♥ fit, he then bids his 1st control
 - If Opener has a ♠ fit, he bids 3 ♠ and it's the Responder that starts the control bids.



S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass			



Problem E4799 Team needs to stop at Game due to lack of ♥ control.



S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥			



Problem E 5183 You need to choose between ♥ and ♠. Choose your weakest suit.... Supposedly your Team have 9 or 10 cards in the majors. By choosing the weakest major as trump (the one where you don't hold the ace). You are giving yourself a chance to avoid a ruff on the 2nd round before you've even had time to play.