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When you have a **weak balanced hand (4333)**, and 3 cards to support your partner's major suit think twice before bidding and supporting

- Holding 3 low support cards, with 4 ♠ cards (including an honor) and a maximum of 7 HCP, bid 1♠. On the next round of auction, you'll either pass (partner's repetition) or make a preference bid (2♥)
- Holding a 4333 hand, with 4 cards in one of the minors, bid 1NT, even with your 3 cards support

Whatever the situation is, your partner understands you are weak. He will decide what to do accordingly, and most of the time avoid to bid an impossible game...

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
1♠			

K	Q	10	7	10	3	2	9	3	2	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 20085 1♠ even with your 3♥ cards. You'll bid a discouraging preference on the next round.

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		1♥	Pass
1NT			

10	9	7	5	10	7	4	Q	10	9	K	9	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 20087 1NT ... even with your 3♥ cards ! To slow your partner. On the next round, you'll pass after your partner's ♥ repetition.... He will be happy to see 3 trump cards.