



Minor opening and misfit in the Majors

Situations where responder is sure of Major misfit at the first round

The responder may know from the first round bids that there is no fit in the Majors ; It is the case When the opener bid a minor and the responder has no 4+ cards Major. In that case, he can, of course, bid NT, but also support the minor opening with a minimum 5 cards in that suit .

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

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| 10 ♠ | 5 ♠ | 3 ♠ | 3 ♥ | K ♣ | 10 ♣ | 9 ♣ | 8 ♣ | 5 ♣ | Q ♦ | 9 ♦ | 6 ♦ | 5 ♦ |
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[Problème E20447](#)

Support of the opening minor at the 2 level shows 6-10HCD , at least 5 cards in that minor and no 4 card Major,

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 ♦ | | | |

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| 7 ♠ | A ♥ | 8 ♥ | 3 ♥ | 9 ♣ | 7 ♣ | 5 ♣ | 2 ♣ | K ♦ | Q ♦ | 10 ♦ | 8 ♦ | 3 ♦ |
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[Problème E20448](#)

A jump support in the opening minor shows 11-12HCD, at least 5 cards in that minor and no 4 card Major,



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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| K | Q | 9 | 7 | 3 | 9 | Q | 9 | 7 | 3 | A | 9 | 3 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

[Exercise E20452](#)

Here, a 5 card fit is possible ; It will be found, as the hand is strong (

| S | W | N | E |
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| | | 1 ♣ | Pass |
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 NT | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| 7 | 4 | 2 | A | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 4 | Q | 10 | 5 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

[Exercise E20453](#)

Rebidding ♥ to show "length" runs the risk of finding only one card in ♥ in opener's hand...or even none ! In that case, your camp may play a suit contract with fewer trumps than the opps. Here a 5 card fit is possible... ;but impossible to find with such a weak hand.