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A short suit game try may occur after a 2 level support in the opener's Major, when the opener holds game invitational values and a shortness in a side suit

It asks responder to bid game without wasted values in that suit.



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Short suit game try: After a 1♥ opening

A bid of 2♠ is the start of the short suit try. Partner must bid 2NT and now you bid 3 of your short suit (singleton or void). If your short suit is spades, you rebid 3♥, showing the spade shortness.

- If responder's values are outside of short suit, he should bid game. If he has wasted values, he should return to the trump suit at the three-level.

8	3	9	8	5	8	7	5	3	A	K	J	10
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

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

K	Q	10	A	K	10	4	3	Q	9	6	4	6
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

The opener has the values to investigate game.. he bids 2♠ to indicate shortness and values and then 3♦ after the responder's relay. Responders with wasted values in CAQ declines the invite and signs off at 3♥

Q	10	3	J	8	5	8	7	5	3	K	J	10
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

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

K	J	4	K	Q	10	6	4	3	4	A	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦

The opener with values and shape initiates the SSGT with 2♠.. and then 3♣ after the responder's 2NT relay. Responders with no wasted values in ♣ accepts the invite and signs off at 4♥



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Short suit game try: After a 1♠ opening

A bid of 2NT is the start of the short suit try. Partner must bid 3♣ and now you bid 3 of your short suit (singleton or void). If your short suit is clubs, you rebid 3♠, showing the clubs shortness.

- If responder's values are outside of short suit, he should bid game. If he has wasted values, he should return to the trump suit at the three-level.

A	5	4	8	7	6	4	2	K	J	7	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

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

10	9	8	7	6	A	K	3	A	K	J	3	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

Exercise 40099 The opener has the values to investigate game.. he bids 2NT to start SSGT and then 3♦ after the responder's 3♣ relay, to show ♦ shortness. Responder, with wasted values in ♦ declines the invite and signs off at 3♠



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Disadvantages of Short suit game tries

One disadvantage of short suit game tries is that they may indicate a safe lead for the opps.

Another danger is that the opps may find a good sacrifice. An opponent doubles with length and strength in the short suit, may find a good sacrifice... but without it you would not have found your game anyway...
