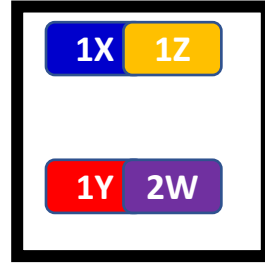




# **4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT FORCING**

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT FORCING

**GAME FORCING LATER IN THE AUCTION**

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♥ P ??

## YOU

 **AQ975**

 **82**

 **K84**

 **KQ9**

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♥ P 1♠  
P 2♣ P ??

## YOU

 **AQ975**

 **82**

 **K84**

 **KQ9**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♣	P	2♦

### YOU

♠ **AQ975**

♥ **82**

♦ **K84**

♣ **KQ9**

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUIT FORCING

IN AUCTIONS THAT ARE NOT ALREADY GAME FORCING, THE BID OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT BY RESPONDER WILL BE;

## GAME FORCING

(13+ TOTAL POINTS)

## ARTIFICIAL

(COULD BE ANY SHAPE)

## SUGGESTING UNCERTAINTY

(ABOUT STRAIN and/or LEVEL)

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	1 ♠
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦

### YOU

♠ **AQ975**

♥ **82**

♦ **K84**

♣ **KQ9**

# RULES

**ONLY IN NON-COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS**

**NEVER WHEN EITHER PLAYER HAS PASSED**

**ONLY WHEN NEEDED**

(IF YOU KNOW WHERE YOU BELONG YOU DON'T USE THIS)

**NOT USED WHEN ALREADY GAME FORCED**

(2/1 AUCTIONS FOR EXAMPLE)

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P 1 ♠ P 2 ♣

P 2 ♦ P ??

**YOU**

♠ 82

♥ AQ987

♦ AQ4

♣ J92

# RESPONDING

## 2 PRIORITIES AS RESPONDER;

### 1. SHOW 3 CARD SUPPORT

(DO THIS BY BIDDING PARTNER'S ORIGINAL MAJOR SUIT)

### 2. SHOW A STOPPER IN 4<sup>TH</sup>

(DO THIS BY BIDDING NO-TRUMP)

**\*\*FAILING TO DO EITHER OF THE ABOVE DENIES BOTH**

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P ??

## YOU

♠ 75  
♥ AK983  
♦ 842  
♣ AQ9

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P 1♥  
P 1♠ P ??

## YOU

♠ 75  
♥ AK983  
♦ 842  
♣ AQ9

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1 	P	1 
P	1 	P	2 
P	2 	P	??

## YOU

	75
	AK983
	842
	AQ9

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1 	P	1 
P	1 	P	2 
P	2 	P	??





## YOU

	75
	AK983
	842
	AQ9



# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1 
P	1 	P	1 
P	2 	P	??

## YOU

 QT75  
 K92  
 Q2  
 AQ92

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

			1 
P	1 	P	1 
P	2 	P	2 
P	3 	P	??

## YOU

 QT75  
 K92  
 Q2  
 AQ92

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♣	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	??

## YOU

♠ **AK752**  
♥ **A8**  
♦ **KQ3**  
♣ **J92**

# YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♣	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	??

## YOU

♠ **AK752**  
♥ **83**  
♦ **KQ3**  
♣ **J92**

# RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 

P

??

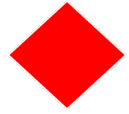
## YOU



**Q975**



**3**



**AK8642**



**K9**

## SPECIAL SPOT

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♣	P	1 ♦
P	1 ♥	P	??

### YOU

♠ Q975

♥ 3

♦ AK8642

♣ K9

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

This auction is special and can be played a number of different ways. Below is my agreement suggestion, but make sure you discuss this with your partner, as there are myriad ways to play this.

1 ♠ = GAME FORCING & NATURAL

2 ♠ = GAME FORCING & ARTIFICIAL

# **PRACTICE SESSION**

1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AQJ983

♥ 652

♦ 3

♣ AK6

2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P 1♠  
P 2♣ P ??

YOU

♠ AQJ983

♥ 652

♦ 3

♣ AK6

3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♠
P	2♣	P	2♥
P	2N	P	??

YOU

♠ **AQJ983**  
 ♥ **652**  
 ♦ **3**  
 ♣ **AK6**

4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♠
P	2♣	P	2♥
P	2N	P	3♠
P	3N	P	??

YOU

♠ **AQJ983**  
 ♥ **652**  
 ♦ **3**  
 ♣ **AK6**

5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1♦ P ??

YOU

♠ 3

♥ AJ86

♦ KQT832

♣ AK

6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1♦ P 1♥  
P 1♠ P ??

YOU

♠ 3

♥ AJ86

♦ KQT832

♣ AK



7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	??

YOU



3



AJ86



KQT832



AK

8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♥
P	1♠	P	??

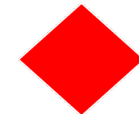
YOU



93



AKJ86



32



K832

9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠	93
♥	AKJ86
♦	32
♣	K832

10

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	2♠	P	??

YOU

♠	93
♥	AKJ86
♦	32
♣	K832

11

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	P	P	1♣
P	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	??

YOU

♠ KQ43  
 ♥ KT97  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ KT2

12

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♣
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ AKJ3  
 ♥ Q97  
 ♦ 84  
 ♣ K843

13

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♣
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	2N	P	??

YOU

♠ AKJ3  
 ♥ Q97  
 ♦ 84  
 ♣ K843

14

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ 53  
 ♥ 83  
 ♦ AQ3  
 ♣ AKJT87

15

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1 ♠

P

1 ♥

??

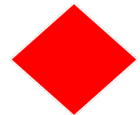
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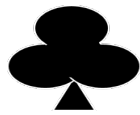
A82



AKJT4



4



AT82

16

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1 ♠

P

1 ♥

2 ♣

P

2 ♦

P

??

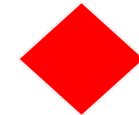
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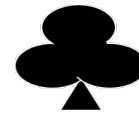
A82



AKJT4



4



AT82

17

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	??

YOU

♠ A82  
 ♥ AKJT4  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ AT82

18

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	4♣
P	4♠	P	??

YOU

♠ A82  
 ♥ AKJT4  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ AT82

# 18.1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	4♣
P	4♠	P	4N
P	5♣	P	6♠

## YOU

 **A82**  
 **AKJT4**  
 **4**  
 **AT82**

 **KQJT62**  
 **Q**  
 **872**  
 **KQJ**

 **A82**  
 **AKJT4**  
 **4**  
 **AT82**

21

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ AKJ82  
♥ JT  
♦ AJ4  
♣ K82

22

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦	P	3♣
P	3N	P	??

YOU

♠ AKJ82  
♥ JT  
♦ AJ4  
♣ K82



23

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	??

YOU

♠ KJT8  
♥ AKT4  
♦ 84  
♣ AQ2

24

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	??

YOU

♠ KJT8  
♥ AKT4  
♦ 84  
♣ AQ2

25

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	??

YOU

♠ KJT8

♥ AKT4

♦ 84

♣ AQ2

26

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	4♣
P	4♦	P	??

YOU

♠ KJT8

♥ AKT4

♦ 84

♣ AQ2

27

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♦
P	3♣	P	??

YOU

♠ 8  
 ♥ AKJT4  
 ♦ AJT84  
 ♣ 92

28

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

			1♥
P	1♠	P	2♦
P	3♣	P	3♦
P	3♠	P	??

YOU

♠ 8  
 ♥ AKJT4  
 ♦ AJT84  
 ♣ 92

# ANSWERS TO PRACTICE SESSION HANDS

1. 1S
2. 2H (4<sup>th</sup> suit)
3. 3S
4. P
5. 1H
6. 2C (4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT)
7. 3D
8. 2C
9. 2H (Denies 3S and Denies a diamond stopper)
10. 4S (Fast arrival with our minimum hands)
11. P (Partner is a passed hand)
12. 2H (Priority one)
13. 3N
14. 3C (We're already in a game forcing auction)
15. 2C
16. 2S
17. 4C (4NT is ok here also)
18. 4N
19. 2C (game force here)
20. 1S (DO NOT MISREPRESENT YOUR SHAPE TO GAME FORCE)
21. 3C
22. 4N (Quantitative)
23. 2C (4<sup>TH</sup> SUIT)
24. 2S (We are setting trump here with our fit now)
25. 4C (Can't bid 4NT with 2 small diamonds)
26. 4N (Now we're good to go 😊)
27. 3D
28. 4D (no other choice. Can not bid 3NT w/o a club stopper)