

C) bidding our own suit opposite partner's overcall

N	E	S	W
1S	2H	P	?

Given that we would always raise partner's suit if we had three cards or more in their suit and a moderate collection of high cards ,it follows that a bid of our own suit says that we don't like partner's suit.

So here :

N	E	S	W
1NT	2H	P	?
			AQJ987
			3
			5432
			43

we should bid 2Sp.

Note straight away that the change of suit is not very strong ( in terms of points ) and is certainly not encouraging.

A not unreasonable description of the reason to bid it is that the bidder thinks they will do better in their suit than partner will do in theirs.

(They may not be right of course !).

At any rate the change of suit opposite the overcall usually brings the auction to a close.

The worst auctions are those where each of the overcallers keep battling with each other. Almost always the original overcaller should call it a day when they hear partner make a simple change of suit.

N	E	S	W
1D	1H	2D	3C
P	?		
			QJ98
			3
			32
			KQJ987

Here it would be very odd if East rebid their hearts.

Could responder (to the overcall) ever have enough points to be close to a gamecall in their suit ? It has happened so seldom in my experience ( I can't recall even one instance) that it isnt worth wasting time on.

However ..... we can say that a JUMP in a new suit suggests opening values and a very good suit and is forcing for one round.

N	E	S	W
1D	1H	P	2S
			AQJ982
			3
			Q32
			KQ7

