

# Fifth Chair



## Unusual NT Quiz

I. You are South and East, to your right, opens 1S. What do you bid on each of the following hands?

1. AJx 2. xx 3. AKx 4. xx
2. KJxx x AKxx xx
3. Qxx KQxxx Axx AJxxx
4. KQx AQ10xx KJx KQxx

Answers

1. 1NT. You are not a passed hand so this bid shows 15-18 H.C.P. and a balanced hand.
2. 2NT. The unusual NoTrump for the minors over a major.
3. DBL. Playing the unusual NoTrump, double and then jump in NoTrump with 20 H.C.P.
4. Pass You do not have the proper distribution for a 2NT overcall and your hand does not warrant a two diamond overcall. If West raises to 2 and the bidding comes back to you, you might balance with 2NT (unusual, for the minors)

II. This time you are South but the bidding has proceeded as follows:

West North East South

1H 2NT Pass ?

What do you bid with the following South hands?

1. Axx AQJ10xxx xxxx KJ10xx KQx jxxxx
2. Kxxxx xx Ax KQ10xx AKJx Kxxxx
3. 10xx Kx KJ10x x Kxx x
4. xx xx xxx xx xxx Qx

Answers:

1. 3D. You have been asked to select a minor and that's what you do.
2. 4S. You are allowed to overrule partner with a suit like this.
3. 4D. Inviting game in diamonds.
4. Pass Showing strength in both majors, but not enough to bid 3NT.

A COMMON ERROR TO AVOID is first making an Unusual No-Trump overcall forcing partner to pick one of your suits and then persisting in raising him because you have five cards in the suit he bid.

You told him that when you made your no-trump overcall. It is up to the partner to take a sacrifice not the Unusual No-Trump bidder. He has told his story and no one likes to hear the same story twice.