

Ask Dwight for Newsletter May 12, 2019

Hi Dwight,

I'm stuck on a bidding sequence from Thursday, April 18th in the afternoon (0-50), Board #4.

We are playing 2 over 1.

The bidding sequence is:

1S/p/1N/p/

2D/p/p/p

Should we repeat the spade suit with only 5 cards?

Thanks,

Ima Puzzled

To view Dwight's response, click [here](#).

Hand diagram for Board 4 (April 18, aft, 0 – 50 Board 4). The diagram shows the following hands:

- North:** ♠ Q J 10 4, ♥ 10 7, ♦ 10 9 3, ♣ Q 10 8 3
- West:** ♠ A K 7 5 3, ♥ K 5 2, ♦ K Q 8, ♣ 9 7
- East:** ♠ 6 2, ♥ J 6 3, ♦ A 6 5 4, ♣ K J 6 5
- South:** ♠ 9 8, ♥ A Q 9 8 4, ♦ J 7 2, ♣ A 4 2

HCPs: North 15, South 11, East 9.

April 18, aft, 0 – 50 Board 4

Dwight's Response

Hello Ima,

The auction I would advise is: 1S-P-1NT-P, 2D-P-2S-P, P-P.

Whenever you hold 2 cards (or more) in opener's major suit you should always take preference at the 2-level to the opening suit. Playing 2/1, Opener's bid of 2 of either minor shows only 3 of the suit. When you correct to 2 of the major you know you have a 7 card fit, the same as the diamond fit in this case. As responder you only pass or raise Opener's minor suit rebid if you have 5 of that minor.

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