

3S & 3NT Minor Suit Slam Try After 2NT

After opener has entered the auction with a 2NT bid, as an opening bid, an overcall over a WK2 Bid, or as a rebid after opening 2C, the 3S response by the responder is a slam try. The 3S bid requests that the 2NT bidder bid 3NT. If responder just wants to play 3NT, responder will pass the forced 3NT.

4C: Relays to 4D: Shows 6+ Diamonds with slam interest.

4S: Shows 4 hearts. (Bid the major you do not hold.)

4NT: relay for Unbids: 5C=3-0 or 0-3 (5 of trump suit asks); 5D=2-1; 5S=1-2

5C: 6-Key Card Ask.

4H: Shows 4 Spades. (Bid the Major Suit you do not hold.)

4NT: relay for Unbids: 5C=3-0 or 0-3 (5 of trump suit asks); 5D=2-1; 5H=1-2

5C: 6-Key Card Ask.

4NT: Good 6+ diamonds....running or near running suit.

5C: relay for shortness: 5D (None), 5H, 5S, 5NT (Clubs).

5D: 6-Key Card Ask.

4D: 4414 or 4441 or 4405 or 4450. 4-4 in the majors with a singleton or void in one minor suit.

4H: 4144 or 4045 or 4054 singleton or void in hearts. 4 spades with 8 to 9 cards in minors.

4S: 1444 or 0445 or 0454 singleton or void in spades. 4 hearts with 8 to 9 cards in minors.

4NT: 5+5+ in the minors.

The 3NT response to 2NT relays to 4C:

4D: 4+ Hearts and 6+ Clubs.

4H: Sets Hearts as Trump. 6-Key Card Ask

4S: Sets Clubs as Trump. 6-Key Card Ask

4NT: relay for Unbids: 5C=3-0 or 0-3 (5 of trump suit asks); 5D=2-1; 5S=1-2

4H: 4+ Spades and 6+ Clubs

4S: Sets Spades as Trump. 6-Key Card Ask

4NT: relay for Unbids: 5C=3-0 or 0-3 (5 of trump suit asks); 5D=2-1; 5H=1-2

5C: Sets Clubs as Trump. 6-Key Card Ask

4S: 4+ Diamonds and 6+ Clubs

4NT: relay for Unbids: 5C=3-0 or 0-3 (5D asks); 5H=2-1; 5S=12

5C or 5D: Sets Trump Suit. 6-Key Card Ask

4NT: Good 6+ Clubs....running or near running.

5C: relay for shortness: 5D (None); 5H, 5S, 5NT (Diamonds)

5D: 6-Key Card Ask.

Submitted by Bob Otto

Warning: I have seen good partnerships forget and pass 2NT – 3NT.

This is extensive but is a little easier than it looks as it is very symmetrical.

I hope Bob will follow up with a write up on 6-Key Card Ask.

I replaced CAB (which means to me Control Asking Bid) to relay.

Commentary by Bill Kent