

Practise Fourth Suit Forcing

NG34Bridge

Choose your next bid

Hand: 1 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass ?	South` ♠ Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 6 2
Hand: 2 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass ?	South` ♠ Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ 8 7 ♣ K 6 2
Hand: 3 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass ?	South` ♠ Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ A J 4
Hand: 4 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass ?	South` ♠ Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ A K 4
Hand: 5 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass ?	South` ♠ K Q 10 8 6 5 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ Q 2
Hand: 6 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?	North` ♠ 3 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ K Q 9 8
Hand: 7 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?	North` ♠ 3 ♥ A Q J 6 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A K J 9
Hand: 8 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?	North` ♠ 3 ♥ K J 7 6 5 ♦ A J 9 ♣ A K 6 5

Answer: 2♦

South is too weak to bid 4SF, so has to show reluctant preference for North's diamonds.

Answer: 2NT

No need to bid 4SF. South has good stops in the unbid heart suit.

Answer: 2♥

4SF. North may have three spades or a stop in hearts for No Trumps. If North bids 2♠ or 2NT South will pass.

Answer: 2♥

As hand 3, but South has an opening hand. Whatever North rebids, South will insist on game.

Answer: 3♠

This is NOT 4SF. South's jump rebid shows a GOOD 6 card suit and although it is not 100% forcing it is very encouraging. With a minimum holding and a singleton spade North will pass.

Answer: 2♥

North has a sixth heart but is not strong enough to insist on game so bids at the 2-level. If North had one fewer heart and one more small diamond North would be stuck for an informative bid and would still have to bid 2♥, so a sixth heart is not guaranteed

Answer: 3♥

North has a sixth heart and is strong enough to insist on game so bids at the 3-level, game forcing. This guarantees a 6th heart.

Answer: 3NT

North has 16 HCP and a good stop in South's 4SF suit, diamonds. Swap the ♣K for ♣3 and North would not be strong enough to insist on game and would invite with 2NT.

Hand: 9 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?	North` ♠ 9 4 2 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q 8 7
Hand: 10 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?	North` ♠ 6 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ K J 7 5 3
Hand: 11 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass ?	North` ♠ K Q 9 8 7 ♥ A Q 6 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ Q 3
Hand: 12 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass ?	North` ♠ K Q 9 8 7 ♥ A Q 6 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 3
Hand: 13 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass ?	North` ♠ K Q 9 8 7 ♥ A 10 6 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K J 6
Hand: 14 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass ?	North` ♠ K Q 9 8 7 ♥ A 10 6 3 ♦ A J 2 ♣ 6

Answer: 2♠

North has shown 5 hearts and 4 clubs, and can now show a third spade, which may be what South is looking for. South has only 11 HCP so is not strong enough to insist on game so bids 2♠. swop the ♠9 for ♠K and North would bid 3♠.

Answer: 2♥

This is really difficult. In any system there is always going to be an awkward hand and this is one. North would like to show her fifth club but that would mean bidding 3♣ which would be game forcing. That's too risky here so North bids 2♥. It understates North's strength but it does deny a diamond stop and 3 card spade support.

Answer: 3♠

No extra shape or stopper. Partner would like you to have six spades but you have to bid something.

Answer: 3♥

North can show her 5th heart

Answer: 3NT

North has a hood stop in South's 4SF suit, clubs. With North as declarer a club lead will come round to North's ♣K so it will win on the first or second round.

Answer: 3♦

North has no undisclosed extra length in her two bid suits and no club stop but North does have three diamonds so there is an 8 card diamond fit. Bidding 3♦ places North with just one club so South can now place the final contract.