

Wayne in Canada added Chat GPT's Responses to their answers. They include other correct answers to the questions that the pros don't mention. To see them, I put them on the HSV Answer form. Very informative; Enjoy!



Weekly Bridge Quiz #29

Canada's results plus a few comments - 2025



Q1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- 8 7 2 H- 8 5 D- A K Q 10 C- K Q 7 4

With the opponents passing, you open 1D and partner responds 1H. What is your rebid?

Pros' Answer: You need 9 cards in the minors to rebid 2C. Bid **1NT**, despite the lack of a spade stopper.

Chat GPT's Response: 1NT - You have 14 HCP, a balanced shape (4-3-4-2), and no support for hearts. A 1NT rebid shows 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand without four spades. Repeating a minor at the 2-level (like 2♣) would suggest at least 9 cards in the minors, implying unbalanced shape. At the one-level, NT does not promise full stoppers across all suits (that's more of a 2NT/3NT concern).

Question 1			
Bid	Totals	1NT	2C
#	122	71	51
%	100%	58%	42%

Comments: A slight majority went with the Pro and analysts Case & Heidi and bid 1NT. The rest bid 2♣ as a second suit.

- 1NT - I agree with the pro here. You want to bid 1NT to show your balanced 12-14. To me rebidding 2C says I have an unbalanced hand – so 9 cards in the minors. Don't worry about the lack of a stopper in the Spades. No one is bidding them.
- 2C - Partner: I agree that 1NT is the normal response in this kind of situation, and the group was close to being unanimous about it, but I think there is reason here to bid 2C instead. All your points are in the minor suit. Also, where are we going with this hand? The bidding so far suggests that a NT contract may be best, but for that partner will likely require two spade stoppers. I don't really want to suggest to her that maybe I have one myself and that one is enough. Also, on a spade lead, it might be better for partner to declare. Of course, if partner is weak and 1NT is the best contract, we're out of luck.
- 1NT - Not the best Spade holding, but what else?
- 1NT - I have a balanced hand - so 1NT rather than 2♣.
- 1NT - Natural, not forcing.
- 1NT - I am fairly flat. Playing at MPs, better methinks to be in 1NT than 2 of a minor.

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Q2: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- Q 10 9 8 7 6 H- A 10 6 D- 7 5 C- 6 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Only show a 'feature' when you have a maximum. Bid **3S** to show a minimum.

Chat GPT's Response: 3♣ - Playing Ogust, your call should bid 3♣, showing partner that you have a weak hand and a weak suit. This helps partner decide whether to place the contract in 3♣, pass, or explore further if strong. About that 2♠ opening by South, Chat GPT agrees with the Pro: "Most experts today would open 2♠, especially at matchpoints. At IMPs or in very disciplined partnerships, some might pass due to vulnerability and weak suit quality, but the majority would still preempt. Pass gives up the opportunity to get in a cheap obstruction. Your side is unlikely to find game, and opponents might have a fit. First seat white or red, this is a textbook weak 2♠ hand in today's expert style. Not too strong to miss a game, not too weak to avoid preempting. Gets in the way."

However, Chat GPT also noted: "Eric Rodwell would likely PASS, rather than risk going down vulnerable. He favors preserving discipline over taking a below-average preempt at 2♠. The suit does not meet his quality threshold, and only modest extra values." It also noted that Jeff Meckstroth (Meckwell system) would agree with a pass (he requires 2 of the top 3 honors vulnerable) as would George Boehm.

Question 2

Bid	Totals	3C	3H	3S	PASS
#	122	53	50	15	4
%	100%	43%	41%	12%	3%

Comments: 3♣ was the most frequent bid here for differing reasons (mostly Ogust) with 3♥ a close second to show a feature. 3♠ was a distant 3rd.

- 3S - I agree with the pro that to show a Feature should guarantee a maximum. Most of us showed the Heart Feature but remember Partner is trying to set up your suit and if your suit is bad, it won't matter if they can get back to the Dummy -- the suit won't be set up!
3S. Partner: I agree with those who commented that you're stretching a lot to open this hand vulnerable with 2S. I also agree with the pro that you don't show a feature with a minimum hand. Interesting, though, to discuss how strong your hand actually should be to show that feature. Should you have a maximum (excluding intermediate hands) or just more than a minimum (which would include intermediate hands. Any opinions?
- 3♠ - A feature but a minimum hand. Playing Ogust, I would bid 3♣, not a good suit and a bad hand.

- 3♠ - Showing the heart feature would show maximum values for the weak two opener which you don't have.
- 3♣ - Assuming we are playing Ogust, this rebid shows a bad hand and a bad suit. A bad suit means that I do not have two of the top three honors and a bad hand means that I have only 6 to 8 HCP.
- 3♣ - Ogust showing a weak hand and a weak suit. It could be that the Pro will bid 3♠ to show not feature given such a weak hand.

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Q3: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A 8 7 4 H- A Q D- Q J 3 2 C- Q 8 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2H*	Pass

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*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Despite 4-card spade support, this hand is not really a maximum.
Bid 2S.

Chat GPT's Response: 2♠ - 2♥ is a Jacoby transfer. Even though you have 4-card spade support and a solid 15 HCP, you must accept the transfer with 2♠.

Question 3

Bid	Totals	2S	3S	3H
#	122	112	9	1
%	100%	92%	7%	1%

Comments: The vast majority of us accepted the transfer and bid 2♠. Nine of us chose to jump to 3♠.

- 2S - The pro plays a "Super Accept" as a 4-card maximum. This hand is not maximum. Just accept the transfer. Partner can have zero points. Pretty much everyone got this right.
- 2♠ - Great Spade support, but a minimum hand. With some partners, I would bid 3♠, showing 4-card support with a minimum count (my preferred method per LOTT).
- 2♠ - I have 4 spades, but do not have a max, so I'm not super-accepting. With several of my
- partners, the 2♥ bid cannot be invitational - its either weak or its a GF. With an invitational hand and 5 spades, they would have started with 2♣, not 2♥.
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Q4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- 8 7 H- A Q 7 4 3 2 D- 9 5 C- Q J 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
2H Pass 2NT Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This hand is a maximum. The best you can do to show a 'feature' is to bid 3C. The important thing is to show the max.

Chat GPT's Response: 3♠ = Ogust showing a maximum hand with a good suit (2 of top 3 honors). If your partnership is using a feature-showing version of Ogust (common in tournament partnerships), then: 3♠ = Maximum with a feature (♠QJ or general side value).

Question 4

Bid	Totals	3S	3H	3C	3D	3NT	PASS
#	122	48	45	20	4	4	1
%	100%	39%	37%	16%	3%	3%	1%

Comments: The most frequent bids were 3S (Ogust for 2 of the top 3 honors and more than a minimum hand) and 3H (showing a feature). Only 16% bid 3C as the Pro did to show an artificial Club feature to indicate a max.

- 3H - The pro is asking if you have a Feature and technically you do not ("A Feature" tends to be an Ace or King) BUT you DO have a maximum and they have a good shot at getting back to your hand with the Club suit. You want to encourage since you are on the strong side of your bid. My partner and I play this as shortness (singleton or void) so with him I had to rebid my suit. Not sure if I like this since I would have shown him a positive response if we had either played Feature or OGUST.

3H - I think I tend to be more conservative than most when deciding whether a weak two hand is a maximum. In this case I decided that QJx is questionable as a feature, the heart suit is pretty broken and there is not a useful intermediate in sight, so I decided to just bid 3H.

Yes, I don't think we've had much success playing shortness. Maybe the Europeans have it wrong on this one.

- 3♦ - A Diamond control (A or Kx or QJx) and 9+ HCP. Again, if playing Ogust, I would bid 3♥, showing a decent hand with an average or a worse-than-average Trump suit.
- 3♠ - Ogust response - good hand and good suit.
- 3♥ - In our system, a 2♥/S opening shows at least a good 10 HCP to a maximum of 14, meaning that I would not have opened this hand. But if I had, my 3♥ rebid would show a minimum and no side-suit singleton.
- 3♠ - Playing Ogust, this shows a good hand (9 HCPs) and a good suit (2 of the top 3 honors).

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Q5: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- J 9 3 H- A J 2 D- A K 10 5 C- A 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2H*	Pass
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* Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: A max for sure, but you need 4-card support to bid more than 2S. Bid 2S.

Chat GPT's Response: 2♠ – The Best Practical Bid: Communicates minimum support (3 cards) and lets partner decide; and it keeps the contract low if partner is weak, as many may be after a 1NT opening. 2NT Super-Accept (Modern Treatment) is valid in some partnerships with clear agreements. It allows nuanced follow-ups via retransfer systems. However, it's risky because if partner is broke, 2NT can get you too high, especially at matchpoints.

Question 5

Bid	Totals	2S	2NT	3S	4S	3H	3D	3NT
#	122	89	17	9	3	2	1	1
%	100%	73%	14%	7%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Comments: Almost 3 in 4 went with the Pro and our analysts and simply accepted the transfer to 2♠. A distant second was 2NT showing a maximum hand with exactly 3-card Spade support.

- 2S - Again, with the "Super Accept" as a 4-card maximum. This hand is maximum but only with 3. Just accept the transfer. Partner can have zero points. Most of us agreed here. My partner and I play a 2NT Accept showing a 3-card maximum but due to the balanced shape of my hand (it has a LOT of losers!) and I am also not crazy about 3 card Super Accepts (LAW level needed!) I just accepted with him also.
3D - Partner: Yes, I'm not too sure about the 2NT super accept either. The LAW argument against it is a good one. Still, assuming you do find merit in it, I was thinking about how you might improve it. If you accept that partner is very unlikely to leave you there, you could bid a lower ranking suit at the 3-level to show some additional feature of the hand to help partner decide whether to go to game, without loss of bidding room. So as a possibility I tried 3D to show a good diamond suit as well. Any opinions on any of this?
- 2♠ - Although I have a maximum hand, I only have 3-card support. If my partner bids again, I will bid the Spade game. Some players will bid 2NT to show a maximum hand with 3-card support; with a bad hand, my partner can retransfer at the 3 level.

- 2♠ - Normal acceptance with 3-card support. Once again, most of my partners and I play that this bid is never invitational- partner is either weak, intending to pass 2♠, or else has a GF, intending to bid 3NT.
- 2♠ - Natural, not forcing.
- 2NT - Super accept with 3-card support. Partner can retransfer to 3♠ and then either pass or go to 4♠ with a good hand.

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Q6: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A Q J 5 H- K 10 2 D- 6 C- A Q 10 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1C Pass 1H Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This might be a great dummy for hearts but bid 1S for now. Support hearts at your next turn.

Chat GPT's Response: 1♠ - You have 15 HCP and 4 spades, so show your unbid 4-card suit at the one-level with 1♠. This keeps the auction low and describes your shape clearly.

Question 6

Bid	Totals	1S	2S	2NT	2H	3H
#	122	84	34	2	1	1
%	100%	69%	28%	2%	1%	1%

Comments:

- 1S - Most of us agreed with the pro and bid 1S. It isn't close to being a Jump Shift (not nearly strong enough) and why support Partner when you can just show your Spade suit and THEN support their Hearts to show 3 card support with an unbalanced hand?
1S - Partner: I agree totally. If partner can't bid again, too bad, but you are quite likely in a good spot anyway. And by giving a delayed heart raise you are giving a very good description of your hand.
- 1♠ - Over a rebid of 1NT or 2♣ or 2♦, I will bid 2♥ next, completing my description. Over a bid of 2♠, I will bid the game in Spades.
- 1♠ - Not strong enough for a game-forcing jump shift and better to show the spades as opposed to supporting the hearts with only three.
- 1♠ - Natural. In our system, this rebid shows a distributional hand with 4+ spades and at least 4+clubs, with less than game-forcing values. If partner does not pass this bid, I shall support hearts with a jump, thereby implying 4-3-1-5 distribution with invitational values.
- 1♠ - Partner could hold 4 Spades.

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