



# Review of Early Fits

## 4-4 Major-Suit Fits

### *Preparation for Play and Review*

Week of Aug 11, 2020

These exercises are intended to help you prepare for a fundamental review of Early Fits: 4-4 Major-Suit Fits. NORTH is always the Dealer. East and West are passing. Check your answers for Bidding and Play

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<b>North</b> ♠ 7 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ A K 9 8 7 2 ♣ A K  <b>South</b> ♠ J 9 8 ♥ A K J 9 ♦ T ♣ 9 8 6 5 3	<b>North</b> ♠ A Q 6 5 ♥ A K 8 7 2 ♦ T 8 ♣ 7 6  <b>South</b> ♠ K 7 4 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A Q 9 8	<b>North</b> ♠ 8 ♥ A K J 3 ♦ A K J T 5 ♣ Q T 7  <b>South</b> ♠ 9 6 4 2 ♥ Q T 8 5 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A K 3	<b>North</b> ♠ T 9 6 5 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A K Q 6  <b>South</b> ♠ A K Q 4 3 ♥ A ♦ A Q T 6 ♣ 8 4 2
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North now has a Medium / Invitational Opening hand and Invites to Game.</p><p>South may now add Distribution and has enough to accept North's Invitation.</p><div><div>Contract: 4H by South</div><div>Opening Lead: ♠A</div><div>Top of Touching Honors</div></div></div> <td><div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div><div><table><tr><td>Spades</td><td>3</td><td>What if you have no trump remaining in North?</td></tr><tr><td>Hearts</td><td>1</td><td>Missing the ♥Q. Is a Finesse possible?</td></tr><tr><td>Diamonds</td><td>0</td><td>Can trump after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Discard a loser on 2<sup>nd</sup> round</td></tr><tr><td>Clubs</td><td>3</td><td>What will you do with the ♣986?</td></tr></table></div><div><p>Need 10 tricks. Can afford 3 Losers</p><p>Have 7 Losers! Yikes! 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South needs to play Diamonds again, if necessary, to lose another.</p><p>It's the only way for South to gain 2 more Diamond tricks after the ♦A and ♦K winners.</p><p>South needs the Club honors as transportation.</p><p>* South should then play to cash the Club honors.</p><p>Then any remaining Diamond winners.</p><p>South is hoping to only lose 1 or 2 Diamonds to E-W, maybe the ♥Q, the ♠A</p><p>If the Heart Finesse works, then South can hold losers to 3 – making the contract.</p></div></div></td>	North	South	1D	1H	3H	4H	<div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div> <div><table><tr><td>Spades</td><td>3</td><td>What if you have no trump remaining in North?</td></tr><tr><td>Hearts</td><td>1</td><td>Missing the ♥Q. Is a Finesse possible?</td></tr><tr><td>Diamonds</td><td>0</td><td>Can trump after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Discard a loser on 2<sup>nd</sup> round</td></tr><tr><td>Clubs</td><td>3</td><td>What will you do with the ♣986?</td></tr></table></div> <div><p>Need 10 tricks. 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<div>Hand 2</div> <div><div>North (13)</div><div>♠ A Q 6 5</div><div>♥ A K 8 7 2</div><div>♦ T 8</div><div>♣ 7 6</div></div> <div><div>South (9)</div><div>♠ K 7 4 2</div><div>♥ 5 3</div><div>♦ 9 6 4</div><div>♣ A Q 9 8</div></div> <div><div><div>North</div><div>1H</div><div>2S</div></div><div><div>South</div><div>1S</div><div>P</div></div></div> <div><div>North opens 1H with 12-20 hcp and a 5-card Major.</div><div>South does not have support for North's Major-suit Opening. However, South may change to a new suit with 6+ hcp and 4+ cards in that new suit. South should change the auction to the Spades suit on the 1-level.</div><div>A New Suit by Responder is a FORCING Bid for Opener</div><div>North finds the Spade Fit and adds 2 Distribution points. North has a Minimum Opening hand and should raise to the 2-level.</div><div>South may now add 1 Distribution point but is still a Minimum Responding hand.</div><div>A Minimum Opener opposite a Minimum Responder means No Game.</div><div><div>Contract: 2S by South</div><div>Opening Lead: ♦K</div><div>Top of Touching Honor</div></div></div>	<div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div> <div><div><div>Spades</div><div>0</div><div>Have all the high Spade trump.</div></div><div><div>Hearts</div><div>0</div><div>Can trump after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.</div></div><div><div>Diamonds</div><div>3</div><div>What will you do with the ♦964?</div></div><div><div>Clubs</div><div>2-3</div><div>This looks like a Finesse! The extra Clubs are a problem.</div></div></div> <div><div>Need 8 tricks. Can afford 5 Losers</div><div>Have 5-6 Losers! Yikes! What can South do about this problem?</div></div> <div><div>Play Planning</div><div><div>* South needs to win an early, reasonable trick.<div>West is going to play 2 Diamond winners before switching to another suit because West can see North's Diamond void after 2 winners.<div>If West switches to a Spade, Heart or Club, however, South will gain the lead on Trick 3.</div></div></div><div>* South will need to pull 3 rounds of Spade trump.<div>Does it matter in which order?<div>South needs to remember that there is a Club Finesse that must start in North.<div>Therefore, South should plan to pull 3 rounds of Spades and end in North.</div></div></div><div>* South should then plan to Finesse the Club suit.<div>South should lead a low Club from North.<div>If East plays a low Club, the South plays the ♣Q.<div>It will either work or it won't</div></div><div>South is hoping that West does not have the missing ♣K.<div>If West plays low, then South's ♣Q wins a trick,<div>giving South 2 Club winners,</div></div><div>If West does play the missing ♣K, then South will only get the 1 Club winner</div></div></div><div>* South should then plan to cash the Heart honors, watching the Opponents carefully.<div>If the missing 6 Heart cards split 3-3, then North's remaining Hearts are winners right now.<div>If the missing Heart cards split 4-2, then South should play one more Heart card intending to lose.<div>That should then give South 2 extra Heart winners later.</div></div></div><div>South is hoping to only lose to ♦K and ♦Q. If the Finesse works and there is a decent Heart split, then South could make 5 on this hand – an Overtrick!</div></div></div></div></div></div>
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With Maximum / Game-Going Opening point count, North bids Game.</div></div> <tr><td><div>Contract: 4H by South</div><div>Opening Lead: ♠3</div><div>4<sup>th</sup> in the longest, strongest suit</div></td><td><div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div><div><div><div>Spades</div><div>3</div><div>What will you do with the ♠964?.</div></div><div><div>Hearts</div><div>0</div><div>Have all the high Heart trump.</div></div><div><div>Diamonds</div><div>0-1</div><div>This looks like a Finesse!</div></div><div><div>Clubs</div><div>0</div><div>Have all the high Clubs.</div></div></div><div><div>Need 10 tricks. Can afford 3 Losers</div><div>Have 3-4 Losers! Yikes! Can South get rid of at least one Loser?</div></div><div><div>Play Planning</div><div><div>* South needs to win an early, reasonable trick.<div>E-W are going to win the first trick. But then they will switch to a new suit because they can see North's Spade void in Dummy. 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With no additional Distribution, North is a Minimum Opening point count and shows the Fit by raising to the 2-level. and adds 2 Distribution points.</p><p>South has an Invitational Responding hand and Invites to Game.</p><p>North has nothing extra and rejects the Invitation.</p><div>Contract: 3S by South</div><div>Opening Lead: ♣K</div><div>Top of Touching Honors</div></div> <td><div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div><div><table><tr><td>Spades</td><td>0</td><td>Have all the high Spade trump.</td></tr><tr><td>Hearts</td><td>2</td><td>What will you do with the ♥72?</td></tr><tr><td>Diamonds</td><td>1?</td><td>This looks like a Finesse!</td></tr><tr><td>Clubs</td><td>2</td><td>Will be able to trump after 2 Clubs tricks.</td></tr></table></div><div><p>Need 9 tricks. Can afford 4 Losers</p><p>Have 4-5 Losers! Yikes! 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<div>Hand 6</div> <div><div>North (12)</div><div>♠ A K J T</div><div>♥ A 8 6</div><div>♦ 7 2</div><div>♣ T 8 7 5</div></div> <div><div>South (10)</div><div>♠ Q 8 7 6 4</div><div>♥ 9 7 4</div><div>♦ A K J T 8</div><div>♣ - - - -</div></div> <div><div><div>North</div><div>1C</div><div>2S</div><div>P</div></div><div><div>South</div><div>1S</div><div>4S</div><div></div></div></div> <div><div>North opens 1C with 12-20 hcp and No 5-card Major. Instead, opens longest Minor suit with at least 3 cards.</div><div>South may change to a new suit with 6+ hcp and 4+ cards in that new suit. South bids on the 1-level, no matter the Responding point count, no matter the length of the Responding suit.</div><div>Note: South should show the Major suit with these two 5-card suits.</div><div>A New Suit by Responder is a FORCING Bid for Opener.</div><div>North finds the Spade Fit. North adds 1 Distribution point and raises to the 2-level with a Minimum Opening point count.</div><div>South adds 3 more Distribution points and bids the Game.</div></div> <div><div>Contract: 4S by South</div><div>Opening Lead: ♠K</div><div>Top of Touching Honors</div></div>	<div>Count Losers in South's Hand:</div> <div><div><div>Spades</div><div>0</div><div>Have all the high Spade trump.</div></div><div><div>Hearts</div><div>2</div><div>What will you do with the ♥74?</div></div><div><div>Diamonds</div><div>1?</div><div>This looks like a Finesse!</div></div><div><div>Clubs</div><div>1?</div><div>Will be able to trump Clubs right away but limited</div></div></div> <div><div>Need 10 tricks.</div><div>Can afford 3 Losers</div><div>Have 4 Losers! Yikes?</div><div>Can South get rid of at least one loser?</div></div> <div><div>Play Planning</div><div>* South needs to win an early, reasonable trick.</div><div>E-W are going to be surprised when South trumps their very first Club trick.</div><div>* South will need to pull 2-3 rounds of Spade trump.</div><div>Does it matter in which order?</div><div>South needs to remember that there is a Diamond Finesse that must start in North.</div><div>Therefore, South should plan to pull 2- 3 rounds of Spades and end in South.</div><div>* South should then plan to Finesse the Diamond suit.</div><div>South should lead a low Diamond from North.</div><div>If East plays a low Diamond, the South plays the ♦T.</div><div>It will either work or it won't</div><div>South is hoping that West does not have the missing ♦Q.</div><div>If West plays low, then South's ♦J wins a trick.</div><div>If West plays the missing ♦Q, then South will get back to North later for the remaining Diamonds.</div><div>Further thinking: If West plays low, then EAST has the missing ♦Q.</div><div>South can play a low Heart to North's ♥A as transportation.</div><div>Then South calls for the other Diamond in North to play through East.</div><div>South should then plan the ♦J.</div><div>At that point, South can cash the ♦AK to fell the Queen.</div><div>Even the ♦T is good. Can discard North's losing Hearts and Clubs..</div><div>* South should then cash any remaining Spades.</div><div>South is hoping the Finesse works twice in Diamonds. If so, then South might be able to discard 2 Hearts and 1 Club in North on South's winning Diamonds.</div><div>But, What will</div></div>
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<p><b>Hand 7</b></p> <p><b>North (16)</b>  ♠ - - - -  ♥ K J 9 2  ♦ A 8 5 3 2  ♣ A K J 6</p> <p><b>South (10)</b>  ♠ A 9 8  ♥ A Q 6 5  ♦ 9 7 6  ♣ 9 8 7</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td> <td><b>South</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>1D</b></td> <td><b>1H</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>4H</b></td> <td><b>P</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>North</b> opens 1C with 12-20 hcp and No 5-card Major. Instead, opens longest Minor suit with at least 3 cards.</p> <p><b>South</b> may change to a new suit with 6+ hcp and 4+ cards in that new suit. South bids on the 1-level, no matter the Responding point count, no matter the length of the Responding suit.</p> <p><b>A New Suit by Responder is a FORCING Bid for Opener.</b></p> <p><b>North</b> finds the Heart Fit. North adds 3 Distribution points and raises to Game.</p> <p><b>Contract: 4H by South</b>  <b>Opening Lead: ♠Q</b>  <b>Top of Touching Honors</b></p>	<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>1H</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>P</b>	<p><b>Count Losers in South's Hand:</b></p> <p>Spades 0 <i>Have the ♠A and then can trump.</i>  Hearts 0 <i>Have all the high Heart trump</i>  Diamonds 2? <i>This is a long suit that will need to lose a couple of times</i>  Clubs 1-2? <i>This looks like a Finesse!</i></p> <p>Need 10 tricks. Can afford 3 Losers  Have 3-4 Losers! Yikes? Can South get rid of at least one loser?</p> <p><b><u>Play Planning</u></b></p> <p>* South needs to win an early, reasonable trick.  <i>South should NOT plan to trump Trick 1. Instead, South should plan to discard a loser from North on a winning ♠A in South. Probably the ♣6. It's an iffy winner once the other honors are played.</i></p> <p>* South will need to pull 3 rounds of Heart trump.  Does it matter in which order?  <i>South needs to remember that there is a Club Finesse that must start in South. Therefore, South should plan to pull 3 rounds of Hearts and end in South.</i></p> <p>* South should then plan to Finesse the Club suit.  <i>South should lead a low Club from South.. If West plays a low Club the South plays North's ♣J. It will either work or it won't</i></p> <p><i>South is hoping that East does not have the missing ♣Q. If East plays low, then North's ♣J wins a trick. South can then cash the winning ♣AK. If East plays the missing ♣Q, then South will get back to North later for the remaining Clubs.</i></p> <p>* South should then play the long Diamond suit, Ace first, intending to lose a trick or two. It's possible to set up a Diamond trick or two after losing twice.</p> <p>South is hoping to lose only to E-W's ♦K and ♦Q if the Club Finesse does work. Maybe South can make 5?</p>
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<b>Hand 8</b>	<b>Count Losers in South's Hand:</b>						
<b>North (14)</b> ♠ A K Q 4 ♥ K Q 9 8 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 5 3	Spades      0 <i>Have all the high Spade trump.</i> Hearts      1 <i>Missing the ♥A</i> Diamonds    1 <i>Missing the ♦A. This suit looks PROMOTABLE</i> Clubs        1? <i>This looks like a Finesse!</i>						
<b>South (12)</b> ♠ 9 8 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q J 9 3 ♣ A Q 7	Need 10 tricks.    Can afford 3 Losers Have 3 Losers!    Can South get rid of at least one loser?						
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<p><b>North</b> opens 1H with 12-20 hcp and a 5-card Major.</p> <p><b>South</b> does not have support for North's Major suit. South may change to a new suit with 6+ hcp and 4+ cards in that new suit, even without any honor cards. <b>A New Suit by Responder is a FORCING Bid for Opener.</b></p> <p><b>North</b> finds the Spade Fit. North adds 2 Distribution points and Invites to Game with 16-18 Opening points.</p> <p><b>South</b> now adds 2 Distribution points and accepts the Invitation to Game.</p> <p><b>Contract: 4S by South</b> <b>Opening Lead: ♥4</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> in longest, strongest suit</i></p>	<p>* South needs to win an early, reasonable trick. <i>South will lose this first trick in Hearts to the ♥A as long as South calls for either the ♥K or ♥Q in North. West just promoted this suit for South. The other Heart honor will be a winner later.</i></p> <p><i>E-W will probably switch to a new suit. If E-W play a Spade or Club, South can win. If E-W play a Diamond, they are promoting Diamonds for South.</i></p> <p>* When South does gain the lead, South will need to pull 3 rounds of Spade trump. Does it matter in which order? <i>South needs to remember that there is a Club Finesse that must start in North.</i> <i>Therefore, South should plan to pull 3 rounds of Spades and end in North.</i></p> <p>* South should then plan to Finesse the Club suit. <i>South should lead a low Club from North.</i> <i>If East plays a low Club the South plays the ♣Q.</i> <i>It will either work or it won't</i></p> <p><i>South is hoping that West does not have the missing ♣Q.</i> <i>If West plays low, then South's ♣Q wins a trick.</i> <i>If West plays the missing ♣Q, then South loses 1 Club trick.</i></p> <p>* South should then plan to PROMOTE Diamonds. <i>South plays the Diamond honors until the ♦A shows.</i></p> <p>South should plan to cash any remaining Diamonds, Clubs, Hearts and Spades.</p> <p>South is hoping to lose only to E-W's ♥A and ♦A if the Club Finesse does work. If the Club Finesse doesn't work, the South will lose one Club trick as well.</p>						