

het gebruik van een FAKE KLEUR bij het bieden

You may bid a fake suit if (1) partner is known not to hold 4-card support, *or* (2) you have a safe haven if partner does happen to raise the fake suit.

1. Partner cannot hold support

WEST		WEST	EAST	EAST A	EAST B
♠ A K 7			1♦	♠ 6 5	♠ Q J 3
♥ K 8 4 3	1♥		3♦	♥ A 2	♥ A 2
♦ J 6 5	?			♦ A Q 10 8 7 3	♦ A K Q 8 7 3
♣ 8 4 3				♣ A Q 2	♣ J 2

West should rebid 3♠. East's 3♦ rebid denies four spades and so East cannot raise to 4♠ (or if East does, West reverts to 5♦). The 3♠ rebid shows values in spades and focusses on the club suit.

With clubs stopped, East can rebid 3NT (East A). If partner has no values in clubs (East B), you will avoid a risky 3NT. East B will rebid 4♦ over 3♠ and West can raise to 5♦.

A similar thread runs through these sequences:

(a) W	E	(b) W	E	(c) W	E	(d) W	E
1♣	1♦	1♦	1♥	1♦	1♥	1♣	1♥
2♣	2♠	2♦	2♠	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♠

In each of these auctions it is safe for East to bid 2♠ without a 4-card suit, as West's 2♣ or 2♦ rebid has denied holding four spades. The 2♠ bid is forcing but the message is not the same in each case.

Where only two suits have been bid, such as (a) and (b), a new suit bid, if fake, shows strength in the suit bid and seeks a stopper in the unbid suit.

Where three suits have been bid, such as (c) and (d), bidding the fourth suit denies values in that suit, for the time being anyway, and asks partner for more information, including whether a stopper is held in that suit for no-trumps. If three suits have been bid, you could bid no-trumps yourself if you had the fourth suit covered.

2. Partner might hold support

WEST EAST

1♦ 1♠

2♦ ?

What should East do with these cards:

EAST

♠ K J 9 8 2

♥ A K

♦ Q 9 3 2

♣ J 2

When partner cannot hold support, bidding a fake suit is almost free. If partner could hold support, it is risky to bid a suit in which you do not have length. If you do, you must be prepared to deal with the contingency that partner raises the fake suit. As long as you can cope with that problem, or are prepared to risk the consequences, all means go ahead and bid your fake suit if that seems the best move.

On the problem above, East has no ideal, natural bid. The hand is strong for 3♦. Take a king away and 3♦ is the value bid. You are worth 4♦ or 5♦, but that may bypass the best spot of 3NT. In addition, partner might have 3-card spade support and the right contract could be 4♠. The clubs are too weak for a 3NT rebid and a jump-rebid of 3♠ would show a 6+ suit.

A sensible move by East is to rebid 2♥. That will imply five spades (as well as four or more hearts). The good news is that partner might have three spades and rebid 2♠ or 3♠. Without spade support, partner might be able to bid 2NT with the clubs stopped and you can raise to 3NT. A hand like this would be suitable for 2NT over 2♥.

♠ Q ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 ♣ K Q 3

The bad news is that West might raise hearts. West could hold four diamonds and 4 hearts but lack the strength to reverse, such as:

♠ 5 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 ♣ K Q

If West raises only to 3♥, you might try 3♠, hoping partner gets the message that the problem is the club position for no-trumps. If partner perseveres with 4♥, you can revert to 5♦ and pray partner passes.

If West raises to 4♥, you revert to 5♦ and again hope for the best.