

We have learnt that after partner opens the bidding we should double an intervening 1NT bid with 10 + points . So far so good but there is something else that follows from this.

What do you make of Souths bid in the following auction :

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1Hrt	1NT	2S	

The *usual* interpretation of Souths bid of spades at the two level would be that South has 10+ points BUT that can't be right for with 10 points S would double. Actually South definitely *doesn't* have 10+ pts. South's 2Sp bid promises 6-9 pts and a long suit of probably six cards . Something like this.

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1Hrt	1NT	2S	
			KJ10872	
			Q3	
			8765	
			3	

Here South refuses to be shut out by the 1NT overcall. South expects to be able to come to 8 or 9 tricks { with a modicum of help from partner } and bids what they think they can make.

NB South does NOT want to be raised to 3Sp or to hear partner rebidding in No Trumps or indeed bidding anything ! South's bid is akin to a weak takeout and should normally never be disturbed.

Another example.

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1S	1NT	2C	P
	P	P		
	KQ1098		2	
	AQ		Q103	
	J432		876	
	J2		AQ9654	

Note that North respects South's wish to play in 2C and does not bid again. South's bid is expressly non-forcing and should end the auction for the N/S side.

 Lastly if South happens to have support for opener's suit {and 6-9 pts} they would of course simply raise opener.

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1S	1NT	2S	P
			Axxx	
			Kxxx	
			Jxx	
			xx	