

Footnote to Q4) in the homework "dealing with overcalls".

4) N ----- E ----- S ----- W
 1H 2D ?
 K9
 AQ72
 AJ732
 53

My original answer went along the lines that you couldn't really afford to double the overcall when you have 4 card support for your partner's suit and so should raise to 4H.

This wasn't good enough for some , who pointed out { quite rightly }" that if you bid 4H won't partner think you have made a gambling raise?".

That is so -and to make sure that partner knows we have a good hand we really should go via a delayed game raise sequence.

The correct bid is to actually bid the opponent's suit .

In the above auction we should bid 3D { and later} , 4H.