

Just for fun see if you can find the way to bid these hands to show opener's shape.

AQxxx	xxx
AQJxxx -----	xx
x	AKQxxx
A	Jx

- i) 1H-----2D
- ii) 2S-----3D
- iii) 3S-----4Sp.

- i) opener starts with their longest suit Hrts.
- ii) opener introduces their second suit spades; opener has shown 5-4 at this stage
- iii) opener repeats their second suit spades; opener must have 5 spades.
 If opener had 5 Spades and 5 Hrts they would open 1Sp BUT they opened 1Hrt so therefore ...they hold 6Hrts and 5 spades.

 Here is another sequence that at first sight might seem strange.

1S-----1NT
 2D-----2H !!!

what is going on here ?
 opener has offered a 5-4 shape in their suits and yet partner *finally* introduces their own suit. You might ask yourself , why would partner reject openers 5-4 suits ?
 The answer is that responder has a six card suit of their own.
 Something like this:

AQxxx	Kx
xx -----	KJ10xxx
AQxx	xxx
Kx	xx

NB -opener was not strong enough to initially respond 2Hts { they didnt hold the needed 10 pts }.

This type of sequence crops up more often than you might think.
 Here is another example.

Ax	Kxx	
AKxxx -----	x	1H-----1NT
xx	AQxxxx	2C-----2D.
Qxxx	xxx	

Well bid. There are players { having busily counted their losing tricks no doubt } who will reply 2 Diamonds to the opening 1Hrt. See where that would get them though.

1H-----2D
 2H-----? Too high.

