

Super-accept reaches a 23 point gameBoard 18 from Monday 16th May

Dealer: ♠ T76532

East ♥ J86

both vul ♦ Q94

♣ K

(1)

♠ QJ4

♥ AK42

♦ J

♣ J8654

N

W E

S

♠ AK98

♥ QT9

♦ AT76

♣ A9

♠ -

♥ 753

♦ K8532

♣ QT732

West
South(B)

North(D)

East

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pass

1NT

pass

2♥

pass

3♠

pass

4♣ (2)

all pass

- (1) What did you bid with this South hand B in this week's quiz? This is a super maximum for a 1NT opener and well worth a super-accept, which I play as a non-minimum and certainly four trumps.
- (2) What did you bid with this North hand B(b) in this week's quiz? This is the beauty of playing super-accepts. With no super-accept this hand would normally pass 2♠, but with a known 10 card fit it's now worth game. .

And what happened? 4♠=, 4♠-1, 5♣*-2 and 5♠-2.

The bottom lines:

- There are various ways to play super-accepts, simplest is to simply bid 3 of the suit. I personally like to have 16+ points and 4-card support but I do know of players who super-accept when playing a weak NT and others who super-accept with a maximum but only three trumps.

Board 14 from Friday 13th, love all.**Super-Accept of a transfer**

Five pairs reached the excellent 4♥ contract with minimal values on Friday, with just two pairs settling for a part-score. Here's the bidding at our table: -

West (F)	East (D)	West (Jan)	North	East (me)	South
♠ 3	♠ AQ54	-	-	1NT	pass
♥ J8732	♥ AK65	2♦	pass	3♥ (1)	pass
♦ AT84	♦ QJ3	4♥	pass	pass	pass
				♣ 65	♣ J72

The 3♥ bid at (1) was a super accept, showing a non-min and 4 trumps. This was a simple variation and West had no problem in then going to game. If East had simply made a normal accept then it is doubtful if the West hand is worth an effort (indeed,

West said that he would have passed and I agree). Playing super-accepts takes the strain off of responder.

Transfers and Super-Accepts

This is a hand from 2 weeks ago at the Amari. There were 4 tables and the hand had been played 3 times in 4♥ (+2) before it came to our table. I was later asked (by Garry) the easiest way to reach the good ♥ slam playing a strong NT. Obviously (!) West passes initially. You cannot preempt with another good major suit. East opens 1NT (15-17)

West East
 and West? Simplest is to set the ball rolling with a 2♦ ♠ A5 ♠ K9432
 transfer to ♥'s. If East simply accepts (bids 2♥) then West ♥ AQ65 ♥ KJT872
 does not know about the great fit. He can bid 2♠ (perhaps 3♠) ♦ T75 ♦ 3

♣ 7 ♣ AQJ5 - forcing and showing a 2nd suit, depending upon your methods; but it really is better for East to show he really likes ♥'s and is max by breaking the transfer. Without prior agreement, the simplest is just to bid 3♥ at East's 2nd turn. At our table (Chuck - me) the bidding was :-

West	East	The exact requirements for a super-accept are up to partnership agreement. I prefer to play 4 trumps and a non-min. 5♦ showed 3 key cards – RKCB (1430). Now I said that the easiest way was to transfer to ♥'s and then bid ♠'s. However, this sequence (1NT - 2♦ - 2♥ - 2♠) is used by many to show a non-forcing 5-5 hand in the majors. I will bring out a separate booklet on transfer etc. later and it will completely cover these major two-suiters after a 1NT opening.
Pass	1NT	
2♦	3♥	
4NT	5♦	
6♥	pass	