

Playing a Moysian Fit

4-3 Trump Fits Can be
Troublesome








Difficult Contracts

- Sometimes bridge declarers find themselves in a contract that seems impossible. There is one piece of advice that every master bridge player will give you. “Don’t Panic.”
 - If the contract is truly impossible, then you will go down. That happens!
 - But if you take a step back and don’t panic, you may find there’s a way to make the contract.

The Moysian Fit

- The Moysian fit is named for a famous bridge player and writer, Alphonse Moyse.
- It is a 4-3 trump fit.
- The Moysian fit can be tricky to play, but if you keep your head, you can often succeed.

How do we get into a Moysian Fit?

- One way is that partner might feel the need to support you with 3 cards.
- 1  ...pass .. 1  ...2  ...2 
- 2  ...double ...3  ... 4 
- There are other ways, but these are two common ones.

Guidelines for Playing a Moysian Fit

- Ideally, the hand with 3 trump will also be short in another suit, so the three trump can be used to ruff declarer's losers.
- You must try to avoid ruffing in the hand with 4 trump unless you can play the hand as a total cross-ruff.
- Sometimes, you can pull all the trump and play the hand as no trump, but of course that means you must have all suits controlled.

More Guidelines

- When you do pull trump, you must decide how many rounds you can pull safely.
- You often need to keep some trump in both hands, until the hand is set up, as a protection against the opponents forcing you to ruff in the hand with 4 trump.
- Usually, you will have to play the opposing trump to split no worse than 4-2

Consider the Following Hand

North	East	South	West
----	----	----	2 ♥
Dble	4 ♥	4 ♠	all pass

♥ A

North

♠ A K 4

♥ 3 2

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ K 4 3

South

♠ Q J 10 9

♥ 8 5

♦ A 9 2

♣ A 7 6 2

Moysian Fit Hand 2

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	pass	1 ♠	3 ♥
pass	pass	Dble	Pass
3 ♠	pass	4 ♠	all pass

♥ A

North

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q J 5 3

♣ 8 4

South

♠ K Q J 9

♥ 8 5

♦ A 9 8 2

♣ A 7 5

Moysian Fit Hand 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	pass	1 ♥	pass
2 ♣	pass	2 nt	Pass
3 ♥	pass	4 ♥	all pass

♠ 5

North

♠ 2

♥ A J 7

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ A J 10 8 4

South

♠ A 9 3

♥ K Q 10 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K 7 5

Moysian Fit Hand 4

North	East	South	West
----	----	----	3 ♦
double	pass	4 ♠	all pass

♦ A

North

♠ A 5 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ A K J 2

South

♠ K Q J 10

♥ A 7 4 2

♦ 7

♣ Q 7 5 4

Moysian Fit Hand 5

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	pass	2 ♣	pass
2 ♦	pass	2 ♥	pass
4 ♥	all pass		

♣ Q

North

♠ A J 9 8 3

♥ K 10 4

♦ A 9 4 2

♣ 2

South

♠ K 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ J 8 6

♣ A 7 5 4

Moysian Fit Hand 6

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	pass
2 ♠	pass	4 ♠	all pass

2 ♥

North

♠ A J 9

♥ Q 7 4 3

♦ A J 8 4 2

♣ 2

South

♠ K Q 10 8

♥ A 8 5

♦ 9

♣ A 8 7 5 3

Moysian Fit Hand 7

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	dbld	4 ♥	4 ♠
all pass			

♥ K

North

♠ J 9 7

♥ 4

♦ A K Q 8 4

♣ K Q 9 2

South

♠ K Q 10 8

♥ A 8 5 3

♦ J 9

♣ A 8 7