

The "Asking" Cue-Bid

A subsequent cue-bid, or any cue-bid over game, is a serious attempt to reach slam. It promises first-round control, and is used not to find out about extra values (D.I. is for that), but to find a control in a missing suit.

In response, partner must show a control in a suit not yet cue-bid. If, as usually is the case, there is only one such suit, partner signs off in trumps with no control, bids the suit with first-round control, jumps to slam in trumps with a singleton, bids Notrump with the King.

♠ A Q T x x x	♠ K x x
♥ x x	♥ K x
♦ A x	♦ K Q J x x
♣ A x x	♣ x x x

1S	2D
2S	3S
4C (1)	4S (2)
5D (3)	5N (4)
6N	P

- (1) "Tentative" - 1st cue-bid, under game.
- (2) With bare minimum, no cue-bid in reply.
- (3) "Asking" cue-bid. What about Hearts?
- (4) The Heart King. No option but to show it to an "asking" cue.