

Lying: White Lies

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Lie About Length Not Strength and Certainly not about a stopper.

1.

♠4 ♥KJ2 ♦A1098 ♣KJ432

Open 1♦ and rebid 2♣ even if partner replies 1♠

2. ♠KQ432 ♥AK5432 ♦2 ♣2

Open 1♠ and rebid 2♥

3. ♠K ♥AQ32 ♦KJ32 ♣AK42

Open 2NT. This is the only time one should open any No Trump with a singleton.

4. ♠A ♥AQ32 ♦KJ32 ♣AQ42

Open 1♦-too strong for 2NT.

5. ♠KJ3 ♥KQJ ♦KJ4 ♣KJ42


If there was ever a candidate for an 18-point hand to be opened 1NT, this is it, but one should never lie about strength. Open this 1♣ expecting to jump rebid 2NT. This hand is an aceless 4triple3 flat hand with no intermediates and wasted honours of KQJ frozen in a suit that cannot develop length tricks. I would especially open 1♣ and rather be passed there instead of being passed in 1NT because it won't play well opposite no or few entries in 1NT.

Being passed out in 1♣ when partner is bust is usually the best place to be, even though people do fear being passed in 1♣. (Mexican is the worst bid around, Please do not tell Hubert this)

6. Board 7 from KJBC November 17, 2014

South Dealer

Both Vulnerable

	♠AQ7654		
	♥KQ2		
	♦KJ2		
	♣6		
♠103		♠KJ2	
♥A76		♥J10853	
♦AQ98		♦105	
♣K875		♣1093	
	♠98		
	♥94		
	♦7643		
	♣AQJ42		
N	E	S	W
		P	1♦
1♠	P	P??	

Analysis:

Here are your possible bids and mark out of 10.

P	3/10
1NT	2/10
2♠	8/10
2♣	4/10
2♦	0/10

Hiding Points is not good. It is better to lie about length and not strength.

South has a beautiful unbid suit and two of North's suit. Not three so it is not ideal and not Hx but oh well you have to determine that it is a better bid than the alternatives. Some may bid 1NT if you had 10xxx in diamonds (only a minor) because the opponent may only have three of them but Jxxx and 10xxx and Qxx are not stoppers!