

# The Moysian Fit

Alphonse Moyse (1897-1973), genius bridge columnist, fabulous bridge player was a strong advocate of opening 4 card majors and even went so far as to advocate playing in a 4-3 fit. He wrote for over 20 years and wrote under the names of Josephine and Eli Culbertson in newspapers and bridge magazines.

He thought that many times you could make a game contract in a 4-3 fit when no other game would make. Time has proved that he was right! Thus the Moysian Fit has been named for him.

Here is an example:

North Hand	AJ983 K54 A942 8
South Hand	K5 AQT6 J875 A93

Notice there are but 8 tricks likely in a 3NT contract, against any good defense. In a 4-3 Heart contract, however, Club Ace, ruff a Club, Spade to the King, ruff another Club, Heart King, Spade Ace, Spade ruff, pull 2 rounds of trump, go to Dummy with the Diamond Ace for your 10th trick.

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