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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1 - Multi 2♦ - Serious 3nt - Rusinow vs NTs - 5542 - 1NT = 14+ - 17
Two Over One: Game Forcing
VERY LIGHT: Openings
FORCING OPENING: 1♣, 2♣, Natural 2 Bids, Other 4m

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 14.5 to 17
3♣ Modified Puppet
3♦ 55+ Minors GF
3♥ 31(54) GF
3♠ 13(54) GF
South African Transfers
4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Smolen
Lebensohl TRSF denies
Neg. Double 2 Level
Other: Transfers after Transfers

2NT 19+ to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby, Texas
3♠ Relay to 3NT
Romex Stayman SA TRSF
3NT 4m pre to 1st/2nd
To Play 3rd/4th

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
3rd/4th

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
1♣
1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Conv. Raise: 2NT, 3NT, Splitter
Other: 3M+1 Mini Splitter = 11-13
1NT: Forcing, Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. Limit+ to 4+M
3NT: Conv. to
Drury: Reverse, 2-Way Fit, Constructive+ 3+M
Other: Invitational Jump Shifts

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
Single raise Other: Limit+
Frequently bypass 4+♦ 4m Namyats
1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 13-15 to 18-19
3NT: 16 to 17
Other 2♥ = BAL INV., 2♠ = Mixed

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 22 to + HCP
Strong Other
Transfer 2♥ to 3♣ Double Flip Flop Kokish
2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting 3M = 55minors 3M = 4M 5+D GF
2♦ 4 to 10 HCP
Weak Two in ♥ 3♣ NF, 2M P/C
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♥ 4 to 10 HCP
♥ and a minor (543) = Invite in Major
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2NT Force New Suit NF
2♠ 4 to 10 HCP
♠ and a minor (543) = Invite in Major
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2NT Force New Suit NF

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing, 2-Way NMF, NMF by PH
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp, Not in Comp, Unusual vs Unusual,
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd, Game Over Short, 2♦ = Nat, 2♥ = NF Michaels,
3♦ = F Mikes. Over 1♣ pass Xfer, DBL = Pen, completing Xfer = T/O
Wolff, Short suit GT after 1M 2M, 1m 1M 2M next step = Spiral
Lower of fourth suit and 2NT artificial weak hand after reverse, Other Conventions

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 4♠
Responsive thru 4♠ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
Equal Level Conversion

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 14-17 to 16-19 Systems on
Conv. Sandwich NT by PH
Balancing: 11-14 or to 12-17
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. Three-Range Stayman

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong(not 3rd) Weak & 3rd
2♣ Both Majors Same
2♦ ♥ or ♠ Same
2♥ ♥ & a minor Same
2♠ ♠ & a minor Same
Dbl: 4M & 5+m Penalty
Other: Meckwell vs Str in Bal Seat, 2♥ vs Weak Woosley Direct Meckwell

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
Some Conventional Overcalls Please Ask

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
Redouble implies no fit
2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
Majors
Minors
Other: Transfer 1M (X) w/ 2M = Good Raise

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. Namyats

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels
(1C 2+) 2C = Natural & 2D = Majors

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: 4NT over 4♠
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: Non-Leaping Michaels & Hampson Overcalls

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber, 4NT: Blackwood, RKC, 1430

Kickback, Optional Minorwood, Exclusion 1430, Preempt Keycard

DIP2 with 4+ steps, DEPO with 3 steps or less, Serious 3NT

vs Interference: DOPI, DEPO, Level, ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

Table with columns for versus Suits and versus Notrump, showing lead patterns for various suits and honors.

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
Vs NT King is Power Rusinow from 3+

Coded 8s/9s/10s during hand in some situations

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING vs SUITS vs NT

Standard: Except
Upside-Down: count attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even
Upside Down

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev.
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK