



NAMES Sondra Blank and Danny Miles

**GENERAL APPROACH**

2/1 (exc 1♦-2♣), xfers over 1♣, multi-2D, 2M opener M/m weak, Gazzilli

Two Over One: Game Forcing  Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid

VERY LIGHT: Openings  3rd Hand  Overcalls  Preempts

FORCING OPENING: 1♣  2♣  Natural 2 Bids  Other

**NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS**

1NT 14 to 16  
to  
5-card Major common   
System on over 2C, X  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
Forcing Stayman  Smolen  GF  
2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (\_\_\_ denies)  
2♠ Range or ♣ Neg. Double   
2NT Diamonds or min Other: Transfer Lebensohl

2NT 19+ to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
Transfer Responses:  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ Relay to 3NT  
3♣ = Romex; 3N = relay to 4♣  
3NT \_\_\_ to \_\_\_  
Gambling

**Conventional NT Openings**

**MAJOR OPENING**

Expected Min. Length 4 5  
1st/2nd    
3rd/4th

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splitter   
Other: 1♥-2♠ mini spl; 3♠ 7-10 4M; 3♦ 11-12 4M

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  GF+ to \_\_\_  
3NT: \_\_\_ to \_\_\_  
Drury  Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: 2C = 4+ Const. + 2D = 3LR; 2N = 55m  
1M-2M-2M+1; Gazzilli, xfer over Dbl

**MINOR OPENING**

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

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
Single raise  Other: GF; J/S = Limit  
Frequently bypass 4+♦   
1NT/1♣ \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_  
2NT Forcing  Inv.  \_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_  
3NT: \_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_  
Other: Xfers/1♣: 1m-2♥/2♠ 5/6♠ 4♥/const

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

After Overcall: Penalty   
Negative  thru 4H  
Responsive  : thru 4H Maximal   
Support: Dbl.  thru 2H Redbl   
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on   
Conv.   
Balancing: 11 to 17  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest   
Conv.  Range Stayman

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: Strong \_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_  
2♣ Majors --  
2♦ One Major --  
2♥ ♥+minor --  
2♠ ♠+minor --  
Dbl: 5+minor & 4M Penalty  
Other

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**

1 level 8 to 17 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
Responses  
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak

**JUMP OVERCALL**

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

**OPENING PREEMPTS**

Sound Light Very Light  
3/4-bids     
Conv./Resp. 3♣-3♦ art

**DIRECT CUEBID**

OVER: Minor Major  
Natural    
Strong T/O    
Michaels    
Ghestem 1♣-2♦ (♥&♠); 2N-(♦&♥); 3♣-(♦&♠)

**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 Transfers over Dbl

**VS Opening Preempts Double Is**

Takeout  thru 4S Penalty   
Conv. Takeout: 4NT over 4S  
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other: Leaping Michaels

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

Leaping Michaels, Non Serious 3N, Kickback, Exclusion 1430

D1P2 R1P2 below 5 Trump Suit, DEPO above, Preempt KC 4om 01122

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: \_\_\_ ROPI

**LEADS** (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits versus Notrump  
X X X x x x x X X X X X X X  
x x x x x x x X X X X X X X  
A K x T 9 x (A) K J x A Q J x  
K Q x K J T x A J T 9 A T 9 x  
Q J x K T 9 x K Q J x (K) Q T 9  
J T 9 Q T 9 x Q J T x Q T 9 x  
K Q T 9 J T 9 x T 9 x x

**LENGTH LEADS:**

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
King is strong lead vs NT Attitude vs NT

**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 Alarm    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

**SPECIAL CARDING**

**PLEASE ASK**