## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

## Light overcalls with good suit

Overcalls at the 2 -level are normally solid.
After an overcall, a new suit at the 1 - and 3-level are F1, a new suit at the 2 partner.
Same principles after a reopening
1 NT-overcall (2./4.; Answers; Reopening)
$15-18 \mathrm{hcp}$ in all hands.
Same responses as after 1NT-opening.

## Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

## WJS at the 2-level

Constructive jump-shifts at the 3-leve (not green vs red)
Unusual NT shows 2 lowest with jump

## Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Cuebid of a minor (3+) shows both majors
Cuebid of a major shows opposit major +
Jumpcuebid asks for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)
VS weak NT (12-14 or weaker):
$\mathrm{Dbl}=$ takeout
$2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Majors, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Multi ( $13+$ hcp $)$
$2 \boldsymbol{\imath}=5 \mathrm{c}+\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 8-12 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \uparrow=5 \mathrm{c}+\star, 8-12 \mathrm{hcp}$
$2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Both minors, $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ Constructive

VS strong NT in direct seat (13-15 or stronger):
Dbl = equal strength +

* = majors, $2 \bullet=$ Mult
$2 \vee / \wedge=4(5) \mathrm{c}+$ longer minor, 2NT = both minors
VS NT after pass or VS strong NT in 4.seat:
$\mathrm{Dbl}=$ one-suiter, $2 *=\boldsymbol{*}+$ higher suit, $2 *=*+\mathrm{M}$
$2 \boldsymbol{v}=$ majors, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\boldsymbol{A}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ strong 2 -suiter
VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)
Generally: Dbl = takeout, 2NT = 15-18
Ge Ekren: $\mathrm{Dbl}=$ penaltyinterest, $2 \star=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ in minors
VS
Leaping Micheals VS $2 x, 3 * \operatorname{og} 3$.
VS. Artificial Strong Openings
VS strong 1ヵ: Yeslek, double $=\bullet$ or both majors
VS strong 2: Yeslek, double $=\bullet$ or both majors
Over Opponents' take out double
Rdbl $=10+$ /penalty interest
Transfers from 1NT after 1M - (dbl)

| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}\left(4^{\text {th }}\right.$ from 6 c$)$ | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}\left(4^{\text {th }}\right.$ from 6 c$) 3^{\text {rd }}$ from inner seq |  |
| NT |  |  |  |
| Subseq | Attitude ( 3 rd $/ 5^{\text {th }}$ ) |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |
| Card | VS suit | VS NT |  |
| Ace | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) |  |
| King | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT (x), AKQ(x) |  |
| Queen | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x) | AQJ/QJ(x)/QJT(x),KQJ(x) |  |
| Jack | HJT(x)/JT(x) | HJT(x)/JT(x) |  |
| 10 | HT9x/T9(x) | HT9x/T9x |  |
| 9 | 9(x) | 9(x) |  |
| X | 3rd/5th | 3rd/5th |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead | Declearer | Discarding |
| Suit: 1 | LOW = ENC | H/L = EVEN | LOW = ENC |
| 2 | H/L = EVEN | Lavinthal | H/L = EVEN |
| 3 | Lavinthal |  |  |
| NT: 1 | LOW = ENC | Smith | LOW = ENC |
| 2 | H/L = EVEN | H/L = EVEN | H/L = EVEN |
| 3 | Lavinthal | Lavinthal |  |

Signaler (trumph included): Smith: HIGH = likes from both sides, Lavinthal in trumphs, $H / L=$ odd if we show length in trumphs.

## Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening) Normal takeout doubles, may be light with good distribution Equal-level-convention.

## Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Responsive doubles, Supportdoubles thru $2 \boldsymbol{\vee}$, Lead directing doubles - but dbl from overcaller in his suit indicates another lead.


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\％ |  | 3（2） | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 3+\star \text { (may have longer } \text { ) } \\ & \text { (8) } 11+\text { hcp } \\ & \text { (May be } 2+\boldsymbol{\text { in }} 3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }} \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |  | $1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 *-1 \vee=3+v, 1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 \boldsymbol{n}-1 \mathrm{NT}=$ may have singelton＊ <br> $1 *-1 *-2 v=4 v$ ，minimum <br> 1＊－1A－2＊minorbased hand，does not promise extras | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \star-(1 \star)-\mathrm{dbl}=4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 1 \star-(1 \star)- \\ & 1 \stackrel{\sim}{*}=\text { denies major } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 ＊ |  | 4（3） | 4 | 4＋（may be 3c） <br> （8） $11+\mathrm{hcp}$ | Natural answers， $1 \mathrm{NT}=6-9 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ strong，Inverted minor $3 *=6-9 \mathrm{hcp}$ with＊－support，3＊$=0-5 \mathrm{hcp}$ with＊－support | 1＊－2－3NT $=13-14 \mathrm{hcp}$ |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 4 | 4 | $5+\vee$ or $4(+) \uparrow 4+\vee$ <br> （8） $11+\mathrm{hcp}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ Nat，but can be 3c with longer＊ <br> 2 ＝nat F1 or 3－7 hap with $v$－support <br> $2 \boldsymbol{2}=8$－11 hcp with $v$－support， $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Minisplinter in any suit <br> $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ support，GF， $3 *=4 \mathrm{c} v 7-11 \mathrm{hcp}$ <br> $3 *=3 c \vee 11-12 \mathrm{hcp}, 3 v=$ Preemptive | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1 v-2-2 v=\text { Not inv vs weak raise } \\ 1 v-2-3 x=\text { Naturlig inv vs weak raise } \\ 1 v-2 N T-3 x=\text { nat extras } \\ 1 v-1 \star / 1 N T-2 \boldsymbol{N}=15+\text { or } 6+\downarrow 11-14 \mathrm{hcp} \\ 1 v-1 \star / 1 N T-2 v=5(+) v+4+\infty 11-14 \mathrm{hcp} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2－way Drury |
| 1ヵ |  | 5 | 4 | $5+\uparrow$ （8） $11+\mathrm{hcp}$ | $2 \star=$ nat，but can be $3 c$ with longer $\star / \vee$ <br> $24=$ nat F1 or 3－7 hcp with $\uparrow$－support <br> $2 A=8$－11 hcp with $A$－support，2NT＝support GF <br> 3＊＝Minisplinter in a minor， $3 *=4 \mathrm{c} \uparrow$ 7－11 hcp <br> $3 v=$ Minisplinter， $3 \boldsymbol{n}=$ preemptive |  | 2－way Drury |
| 1NT |  | 1 | 4V | （14） $15-17 \mathrm{hcp}$ $5 \mathrm{M}, 6 \mathrm{~m}$ ，singelton， 5422. | $2 *=$ Stayman， $2 * / \bullet=$ Trf， $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ weak doubleton in any suit，2NT $=$ weak or strong，minorbased hand， $3 *=$ Singelton in a major， $3 *$ <br> $=$ Puppet Stayman，3M＝Slamtry 4＊／4＝TRF | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1NT }-2 \boldsymbol{\alpha}-2 \downarrow-2 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { normally both majors, weak } \\ & \text { 1NT }-2 \boldsymbol{2}-2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 N T=\text { GF relay } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2＊ | X |  |  | Strong unbal 22＋bal | $\begin{aligned} & 2 *=\text { Relay, } 2 M=\text { Nat GF, } 2 N T=\text { minor, } 3 m=\text { Nat GF } \\ & 3 M=4 c M+6 c+ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{2 *}-2 \boldsymbol{-}-2 \boldsymbol{v}=25+\text { NT or nat } \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{2}-2-2 \mathrm{M}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { Second negativ } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2 | X | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 6 \\ & 6 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Green：5cM，4－8 hcp <br> All RED：Multi，6kM 4－8 <br> RED VS GREEN：6k＊9－11 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star-2 \mathrm{NT}: 3 \boldsymbol{*}=5 \mathrm{c} \downarrow, 3 \star=5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow, 3 \boldsymbol{v}=5 \mathrm{c} \downarrow+5 \mathrm{~m}, 3 \uparrow=5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow+5 \mathrm{c} \downarrow \\ & 3 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow+5 \mathrm{c} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & \hline 6 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |  | Green：4－8 hcp 6kv RED：9－11 hcp 6k | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT = singelton?, } 3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { Art F1 } \\ & \text { 2NT }=\text { singelton?, } 3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { Art F1 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \vee-3 \star-3 \star=\text { Minimum, } 2 v-3 \star-3 v=\text { Extras with "bad" suit, } 2 v- \\ & 3 *-3 \wedge=\text { Extras with good suit } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 24 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 6 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |  | Green：4－8 hcp 6k $\wedge$ RED：9－11 hcp 6k | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT = singelton?, } 3 \div=\text { Art F1 } \\ & \text { 2NT }=\text { singelton?, } 3 \div=\text { Art F1 } \end{aligned}$ | $2 \downarrow-3 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \star=$ Minimum， $2 \boldsymbol{v}-3 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \downarrow=$ Extras with＂bad＂suit $2 v-3 *-3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Extras with good suit |  |
| 2NT |  | 1 | 4 | （19） $20-21 \mathrm{hp}$ <br> $5 \mathrm{M}, 6 \mathrm{~m}$ ，singelton， 5422 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mod Puppet Stay and transfers } \\ & 3 \star=\text { minors, } 4 \star=\text { slamtry } \downarrow, 4 \star=\text { slamtry } \star \\ & 4 \downarrow=\text { slamtry } \star, 4 \star=\text { slamtry } \end{aligned}$ | High Level Bidding |  |
| 3 x |  |  |  | Preemptive | $3 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{F} 1.3 \boldsymbol{*}-4 * / 3-4 \boldsymbol{*}=$ BW | BW：Generally are the suit above the trumpsuit used as 0314－RKCB．If the suit above is used as BW，4NT is a cuebid in the＂missing＂suit．．4NT as BW in some cases． <br> If the answer promises $0 / 3$ or $1 / 4$ you＇ll always raise to slem with 3 or 4 aces． <br> Cuebid－Italian style <br> Last train |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | Solid minor | $4 *=$ P／C， $4 *=$ Asks cue， $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play， $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ asks suitlength |  |  |
| 4＊， |  |  |  | Preemptive |  |  |  |
| $4 \vee$＾ |  |  |  | To play |  |  |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Asks specific ace | $5 \%=$ no aces， $5 \star / \downarrow / \wedge=$ ace， $5 \mathrm{NT}=2 \mathrm{aces}, 6 \%=$ ace |  |  |

