Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1 - level: 5-17hp

2 - level: Sound, usually opening strength

1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

1NT = 15-18

Balancing 1NT = 11-14 over \clubsuit / \blacklozenge ; 15-18 over \blacktriangledown / \spadesuit

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

2NT=two lowest suits (5+-5+), both minor if \clubsuit =2+

Reopen: 11-14 HCP, 6+

Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Over 1 : NAT if 2 + (2 • = 5 + -5 + M), 5-5 M if 3 + (2 • = Weak)

Over 1 ♦: Both Majors (5+-5+)

Over M: Other Major + ♣ (5+-5+)

Jump cue-bid: Asks for stopper, except 1m-3m =nat, if m=2+

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

Dbl = equal strength+ (or tricks)

2♣ = both major; 2♦ = 5+ \forall or ♠

2M = 4(5)M + 5 + minor, 2NT = both minor or strong 2-suiter

4th hand or after pass: x = 1suiter, 2m = m + M, 2♥=both

M, 2♠ = nat, fight

Vs weak nt(up to 14) $2 \rightleftharpoons 1$ M opening hand, 2M=fight ("8-12"), $x/2 \clubsuit$ as vs strong

VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

X=t/o, 2NT = 15-18

Leaping/Non-leaping Michaels: 4m after 2x/3x= m + OM (♥ if M unknown), 5+5+, GF

VS. Artificial Strong Openings

vs 1♣: X=t/o, 1NT=4+♠ + a minor, 2♦ =55+M, 2NT55+m

vs 2♣/2♦: X=both M, 2NT=both m

Over Opponents' take out double

XX = 10+hp. After 1m: 1|v| = system on, 2|v| = trsf

After 1M: transfers from 1NT to 2M, 2M-1 = 8-11, 2M = 3-1

 $7, 3 \spadesuit = 7-9.4 + M$

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads Style

| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Suit | 3 rd -5 th | 3 rd -5 th | |
| NT | ATT, 4 th best (1 st /2 nd bad suit) | 3 rd -5 th | |
| Subseq | Low = enc | | |

Leads

| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
|-------|--|--|
| Ace | AKx/AKxx(x) | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) |
| King | AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/ KQT(x) | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) |
| Queen | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x) | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/KQ109(x)/ KQJ(x) |
| Jack | HJT(x)/JT(x) | HJT(x)/JT(x) |
| 10 | HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x | HT9x/AQT9(x)/T9x(x) |
| 9 | KJ98/9/9x | HH98/9x |
| Х | $Hx\underline{\mathbf{x}}x/xx\underline{\mathbf{x}}(x), \underline{\mathbf{x}}x$ | $Hxx\underline{\mathbf{x}}(x)/HT9\mathbf{x},\underline{\mathbf{xx}}x(x)$ |

Signals in order of priority

| | Partners lead | Declarer | Discarding | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Suit: | Low = enc | $Low = 3/5^{th}$ | Low = enc | | |
| 2 nd | $Low = 3/5^{th}$ | Lavinthal | Low = 3/5 th | | |
| 3 rd | Lavinthal | | Lavinthal | | |
| NT: | Low = enc | Smith | Low = enc | | |
| 2 nd | $Low = 3/5^{th}$ | $Low = 3/5^{th}$ | $Low = 3/5^{th}$ | | |
| 3 rd | Lavinthal | Lavinthal | Lavinthal | | |

Signals (including Trump's): Smith: low from leader = enc, high from partner = enc (switched if we lead p suit)

Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light

Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Support dbl/rdbl



System

Card





System:

Players





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System Summary

General Approach and Style

Nat, 5533; Transfer responses to 1♣ opening

(14+)15-17NT

Usually sound openings/preempts, but green vs red might be very light

Special bids that may require defence

Transfer responses to 1♣ opening

2♦ = Multi (6M 4-10hp) or 24+NT or GF any 4441

2♥/2♠ = 5-cards ♥/♠ 5-10 hp

1M - 1M/NT - 2♣ = Gazzili (11-15 6+M or 16+ "any")

4m opening VUL = Good 4M (♣=♥, ♦=♠)

Special forcing pass sequences

Some places

Important notes that don't fit

2-way checkback stayman

Psychics

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| 1 . | | 3 | 4* | 3+♠, 11-22hp | $1 \spadesuit = 4 + \blacktriangledown$, $1 \blacktriangledown = 4 + \spadesuit$, $1 \spadesuit = 6 - 10$ bal or any with ♠, $1 \text{NT} = 11 - 12$ $2 \spadesuit = \text{inverted minor GF}$, $2 \spadesuit = \text{unbalanced inv with } \spadesuit$, $2 \blacktriangledown / 2 \spadesuit = 6 - \text{card}$, $8 - 11$ hcp, $2 \text{NT} = 13 - 15$ or $19 - 20$ $3 \spadesuit = \text{preempt in } \spadesuit$, $3 \text{nt} = 16 - 18$ | 1♣-1♦: 1♥= usually 3, 2♥=4 11- 14, 2♦ = 2,5 M or nat strong | 2M = fitjump |
| 1♦ | | 3 | 4♥ | 3+♦ (4432) 11-22 hp | 1♥/1♠/1NT = nat, 2♠ = nat GF, except rebid, 2♠ = inverted minor GF, 2♥/2♠= 6-card, 8-11 hp, 2NT = Nat inv, 3♠=unbalanced inv with ♠, 3♠ = preempt in ♠ | | 2M = fitjump |
| 1♥ | | 5 | 4. | 5+♥ 11-21hp | 2/1 = GF if not rebid, 2♠ = minisplinter in any, 2NT= GF Jacoby, 3♠ = limit raise in ♥, 3♦ = mixed raise, 3♥ = preempt | Gazzilli: 1♥ -1♠/NT 2♠ = 11-14(15) 6+♥ or 16+ "any" | 2♠ = (9)10-11 3+♥, 2♠= (7)8-9 3+♥ |
| 1. | | 5 | 4. | 5+♠ 11-21hp | 2m = GF if not rebid, 2NT = GF Jacoby, $3 \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$ = limit raise in $\stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$, $3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ = 7-9 4+ $\stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$, $3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ = nat inv, $3 \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$ = preempt | Gazzilli: $1 - 1$ NT 2 = 11-14(15) 6+ 0 or $16+$ "any" $2 = 5 \cdot 3 $ (41/50/15/05), 11- 15 | 2♠ = (9)10-11 3+♠, 2♠ = (7)8-9 3+♠ |
| 1 NT | | | 4. | (14)15-17NT (5M/6m/5422, rarely sing) | Stayman/transfer, $2 \triangleq $ = bal inv or $6+ \triangleq$, $2NT =$ weak with both m or $6+ \diamondsuit$, $3 \triangleq $ = ask 5c M, $3 \diamondsuit =$ GF 5-5 in minors, $3 \heartsuit / \spadesuit =$ singleton with $3(+)$ in other M | | |
| 2♣ | X | 0 | 4. | 22-23NT or strong unbalanced | $2 \spadesuit$ = waiting bid, $2 \blacktriangledown$ = 5+♥, $2 \spadesuit$ = 5+♠ 2NT = 5+♠ 6+hcp, $3 \spadesuit$ = 5+♦ 6+hcp, $3 \spadesuit$ = 5+5+ minors, 6+ hcp | | |
| 2♦ | X | 0 | | Multi (6M 4-10hp) or 24+NT or GF 4441 any | 2/3♥/♠ = pass or correct, 2NT = Asking, 4♣=ask for transfer | 2♦-2NT: 3♣=any max, 3♦/♥= min ♥/♠, 3♠=AKQxxx in ♥/♠, 3NT=24-25 | |
| 2♥ | X | 5 | | 5♥ 5-10HP, VUL normally with a minor (4+) May be light 1 st green vs red | 2NT = asking for strength and distribution, 3♣ = pass or correct to better minor 3♦= inv+ with 5+♣, normally 6+♣ | After x: 3m=nat NF, 2NT ask for better minor | |
| 2♠ | X | 5 | | 5♠ 5-10HP, VUL normally with a minor (4+) Might be light 1st green vs red | 2NT = asking for strength and distribution, 3♣ = pass or correct to better minor 3♦= inv+ with 5+♥, normally 6+♥ | | |
| 2 NT | | | | 20-21 bal | Puppet stayman: 3♣ - 3♥ deny 4+M, 3NT = 5♥ 3♦/♥ transfers, 3M usually deny fit | Slam Conventions | |
| 3x | | 6 | | PRE, ACC to VUL Usually 7c/sound style VUL, non vul 1st/3rd might be agg | 4♠(4♠over 3♠)=KeyCard | (Mini)-Splinter Italian Cue-bids | |
| 3NT | X | | | Solid minor, max Q on side | 4⊕=p/c, 4♦=Asks for control | Jacoby | |
| 4♣,♦ | X | 6 | | PRE in green, aggressive 1st seat, good 4M in VUL, 8,5-9 tricks max 1 loser | | RKCB (0314) DOPI/ROPI (but xx on 4nt is to play) DEPO if bids higher than 5 in trump suit | |
| 4♥,♠ | | 6 | | To play | | | |
| 4NT | | | | Asking for specific aces | 5 = 0, 5 / / = that ace, $5NT = $ ace, $6x = 2$ aces (CRO) | | |