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GENERAL APPROACH

Standard 2/1, Light opener with Quick Tricks. 4432 open 1CC
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 15 to 17
2♦ 1NT to 17
5-card Major common
System on over X, 2♣
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl Fast denials
2♠ ♣ Neg. Double
2NT ♦ Other:

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ relay 3NT.
1 or 2 m

3NT to
Namyats 4m opener.
Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
Soft
3rd/4th
Responses

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: Jacoby, 3♠ / 1♥ ALL Jump Raise Mixed JR Mixed
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 3CLR, PH 3C Nat, else FIT
Most JS in comp = fit.

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 13 to 15
3NT: 16 to 17
Other: 2H, 11-12 Bal or Strong Head

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 5♦
Responsive : thru 5♦ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2 Level Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15+ to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11 to 16-
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: STRONG WEAK
2♣ Majors Majors
2♦ 1 Major 1 Major
2♥ H and m H and m
2♠ S and m S and m
Dbl: 4M 5+m PEN
Other:
Major raise.

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
JR Mixed, 2NT in comp M

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

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: 1M (X) XFER 1NT +

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4H Penalty
Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: Leap Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Some JS from 3m RKC

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 trump suit+ 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)
(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

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude
FIRST DISCARD
Lavinthal
Odd/Even

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
Attitude vs NT
NT, possible 3rd from 4.
Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude Count Suit preference

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK