



NAMES John Vega - Marty Lavine

### GENERAL APPROACH

**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 artf X&2♣  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (fast denies)  
2♠ MSS  Neg. Double  3-level  
2NT  Other: 2♣-2♦-3♦ is 5-5M

**2NT** 19 to 20  
Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ MSS  
3C = Muppet

**3NT**  to   
Gambling, No OS A

**Conventional NT Openings**  
3m to play after Stay

### 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  Splinter   
Other: 2NT: either LR+ or 4+ Trump support raise   
1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing  BUHP   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  0 to any  
3NT: 15 to 17 w/2  
Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: JS = mini-splinter, 3+, 8 losers

### 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   
Other: off in Comp  
Frequently bypass 4+♦  Always  
1NT/1♣ 11 to 12  
2NT Forcing  Inv.  ♦+♣ to good!  
3NT: 13 to 15  
Other: Xfr/1♣ XYZ

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty   
Negative  thru 4♥  
Responsive : thru 3♦ Maximal   
Support: Dbl.  thru 3♥ Redbl   
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
Snapdragon

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

**Direct:** 14 to 17 Systems on   
Conv.   
**Balancing:** 12 to 14  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest   
Conv.  P->xx; xx->4-cd suits; 4w x

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong  Wk <=14 pts  
2♣ ♥ or ♦+♥  ♥+♠ (4+)  
2♦ ♠ or ♥+♠  5+♥  
2♥ ♣ or ♠+♣  5+♠  
2♠ ♠ & ♦  4♠ & 5m  
Dbl: ♦♣+♦♣+♥  Penalty(sys on)  
Other

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 15 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
**Responses**  
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
Suction / Big 1♣, 2♣ & ♦ resps

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound  Light  Very  Light   
3/4-bids   
Conv./Resp. Leaping Michaels

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
Natural    
Strong T/O    
Michaels

### 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 Hoffmeister 2NT

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4♥ Penalty   
Conv. Takeout: 4N is t/o of 4♠  
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other: 4N Natural over minors

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
5N (after RKC response) asks for specific Kings; Queen ask w/specific Kings  
5N response to RKC = 2 w/a void; Exclusion, Kickback; Poor Man's Blck  
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)**   
**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   
Low from xx versus Suits  vs NT   
2 & 4 (ex. 3-card suits) No Rusinow pd's suit  
**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

### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo     
Trump Suit Pref.     
Foster Echo

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK