



NAMES Merril Hirsh - Monique Smith (M&M)

**GENERAL APPROACH**

Meckwell Lite Precision

**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  4♣, 4♦

**NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS**

1NT 15 to 17  
to

5-card Major common  3♣ Puppert Stayman   
System on over X/2♣ 3♦ 5-5 minors GF+   
2♣ Stayman  Puppet  3♥ 5-5 majors inv.   
2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer  3♠ 5-5 majors GF   
Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (fast denies)   
2♠ xfer to ♣  Neg. Double  @3 level   
2NT xfer to ♦  Other: 4♠ weak quantitative

2NT 7/9 to 11/13  
Puppert Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠   
2N=minors 5-5 or better   
3NT  to   
Gambling

**Conventional NT Openings**

**MAJOR OPENING**

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

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
Other: 1M-3M mixed

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  to   
3NT:  to   
Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: FSJ

**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: 3♣ mxd ♣'s & ♦'s   
Frequently bypass 4+♦   
1NT/1♣ HEARTS! to 12+ HCP   
2NT Forcing  Inv.  /1♦ to 11-13   
3NT: /1♦ 14 to 16   
Other /1♣ 2N 14-15, 3N - solid suit

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

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

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

**Direct:** 15++ to 18 Systems on   
Conv.    
**Balancing:** 11 to 14  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest   
Conv.

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: Weak Strong  
2♣ 1 suit  ♠s + higher   
2♦ Majors  ♦s + higher   
2♥ ♥s + m  ♥s   
2♠ ♠s + m  ♠s   
Dbl: Strong  1M or m's or G   
Other 2N minors

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**

1 level 6 to 16 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
**Responses**  
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
NSFBUPH

**JUMP OVERCALL**

Strong  Intermediate  Weak   
Intermediate in balance

**OPENING PREEMPTS**

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

**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 2♣/2♦ 7-9 3/4 trump

**VS Opening Preempts Double Is**

Takeout  thru 4♥ Penalty   
Conv. Takeout: 4N/4♠   
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other: Leaping Michaels

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

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:  ROPI

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

versus Suits	versus Notrump
<b>x x</b> x(x)x	<b>x x</b> x(x)x(x)
x x <b>x</b> x(x)x(x)	x x x x(x)x(x)
(A)K x <b>T</b> 9 x	A K J x A Q J x
K Q x K <b>J</b> T x	A J T 9 A T 9 x
Q J x K <b>T</b> 9 x	K Q J x K Q T 9
J T 9 Q <b>T</b> 9 x	Q J T x Q T 9 x
K Q T 9 J <b>T</b> 9 x	J T 9 x T 9 x x

**LENGTH LEADS:**

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  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

**OTHER CARDING**

Smith Echo Rev    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

**SPECIAL CARDING**

**PLEASE ASK**