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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
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 denies)
2♠ xfer to ♣ Neg. Double @3 level
2NT xfer to ♦ Other: 4♠ weak quantitative

2NT 7/9 to 11/13
Puppet 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

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

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 4♥
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. 11 to 14
Balancing: 11 to 14
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong (14+) weak <15 top
2♣ ♦'s single suit OR ♥'s GI
2♦ ♥'s single suit OR ♠'s GI
2♥ ♠'s single suit OR ♣'s GI
2♠ ♣'s single suit OR ♦'s GI
Dbl: 2 or 3 suited str NT sys on
Other 2N GI Major OR minors
♣'ss single suited or ♦'s GI

SIMPLE OVERCALL

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

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
Intermediate in balance to

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

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: to 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
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
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**