## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS

NAT style, $5+$ cards, strength $8-16.2 \div$ after $1 *$ means $5+4+\boldsymbol{\sim}$.
2* DRURY w/o fit, CUE is with fit and $10+\mathrm{HCP}$, jumping CUE at level 3 is with fit 4+ and $8-9 \mathrm{HCP}$, after 1M 2NT is INV with shortage. New suit is F only at level 1 . After $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{C}$ at level 2 we use TRF.
We use convention suit + fit.

## 1NT OVERCALL

Direct 1NT is NAT 15-17. After openings 1 m bid $2 *$ is STAY, all others bids at level 2 are TRF (TRF to OPPT M suit means at least INV with 40 M). In balance position 1NT is NAT, 11-14, subsequent bidding like after direct 1NT.

## JUMP OVERCALLS

2M is weak, subsequent bidding: $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ after $2 \downarrow$ and 2NT after $2 \wedge$ are (R) F1. $2 *$ after $1 *$ shows $5+\mathrm{M} 5+*$ with strength depended on vulnerability (NV $7-$ 10/11-13/13-15). 2 M is $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$. 2NT ( R ) at least INV.
2NT always shows 2 lower suits with strength depended on vulnerability. We use aggressive NV PRE at level 3.

## DIRECT CUE BID

Two suiters $5+5+$ except 2 lower suits, strength depends on vulnerability (NV 7-10/11-13/13-15) or 16+.
Subsequent bidding: new suit is $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{NT}(\mathrm{R})$ at least $\operatorname{INV}$
Direct CUE 2* means $5+4+$ - $\uparrow 10+$ HCP.

## vS. 1NT


$2 \star-6+\mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}-5+\mathrm{M} 4+\mathrm{m}, 4 * / *$ are strong two suiters with $* / *$ and M . Solid style vs weak nt or when VUL.
$3 * /$ vs weak: 12-15 6+*/*
Dbl vs strong - PEN style, partner should pass with about 1 trick, 2 m is P/C, LEB after OPPT escape.
Dbl vs weak - T/O $13+$, responses 2 m is P/C, 2 NT - two suiters, FG, LEB after OPPT escape. In balance position DBL T/O 10+, others no change.

## VS. PREEMPTS

2NT NAT 15-18; T/O DBL, LEB
$4 \% /$ are strong two suiters with $* / *$ and $M$.
OPPT's suit is asking for stopper with full suit.
After opening 3 M bid 4 m is two suiters with m and oM .
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
After 1* DBL like 1~; 1NT 5+ヶ4M; 1~ means 0-8 any distribution, but not obligatory; others no change, may be more aggressive if NV
After 2*DBL with $\&, 2 N T$ two suiters, others NAT.
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redouble is strong.
After 1* like after suit O/C (if OPPT's suit is unknown then like after $1 \star$ ) After $1 *$ system is on, but $2 *$ shows $6+\infty$.
After $1 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ system is on, but $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ with $\boldsymbol{\sim}$, splinters are replaced by suit + fit.

LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEAD STYLE |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LEAD | IN PARTNER'S SUIT |
| SUIT | 4th | the same |
| NT | 4th | the same |
| SUBS. | the same | the same |


| LEADS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LEAD | SUIT | NT |
| Ace | AKx(+) | AK(+) |
| King | AK; KQ(+) | KQ(+); AKJ10; AKJxx ${ }^{\text {(+) }}$ |
| Queen | $\mathrm{QJ}(+) ; \mathrm{AQJ}(+)$ | QJ(+), KQ10xx(+); AQJ(+) |
| Jack | J10(+); KJ10(+); AJ10(+) | the same |
| 10 | 109; 10x; F10x; F109(+) | the same |
| 9 | 109x(+); F9x | the same |
| High Low | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HXx; } \operatorname{HxxXx}(+) ; \operatorname{HHxXx}(+) ; \\ & 10 \mathrm{Xx}(+) ; \mathrm{xXx}(+) \end{aligned}$ | the same |
| Low High | xX; HxxX; HHxX | the same |

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  |  | Partner's lead | Declarer's lead | Discarding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 | Hi-Lo $=$ odd | Hi-Lo $=$ odd | Lo $=$ encouraging |
| Suit | 2 | Lo $=$ encouraging | Suit preference | Hi-Lo = odd |
|  | 3 | Suit preference |  |  |
|  | 1 | as above | as above | Lavinthal |
| NT | 2 |  |  | Hi-Lo $=$ odd |
|  | 3 |  |  |  |

Smith signal against NT (small encouraging) if declarer took first trick.
Suit preference in trumps.

## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLE

T/o dbl or (16)17+HCP.
Herbert negative bid after $1 \boldsymbol{\sim}$, after others openings limited bids. Opponent's suit is F1.
After opening $1 \star$ and double bids $2 * / \star / \downarrow / \uparrow$ show distribution like overcalls after $1 *$ with 4-7 HCP ( $2 * 5-8$ ).

SPECIAL. ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES
Negative double to $2 \boldsymbol{A}$, after opening 1 NT too.
Double transfer, invitation, support indication, cooperative, re-open, lead indication, Lightner's.
Redouble SOS, transfer.

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

## System Lupara, BLUE category

Opening $1 *$ shows $15+$ balanced or $(11) 12+6+\infty$ without $4+v / \uparrow$
NV opening 1NT 11-14, VUL 12-14, at $3^{\text {d }}, 4^{\text {th }}$ seat always $12-14$, can be
untypical distribution without shortage ( $5 \mathrm{~m} 422,6 \sim / \star, 5 \vee / \mathrm{A})$.

Openings $1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{A}$ show $8+(4) 5+\mathrm{A}$ unbalanced without 40 M .
Opening $2 *$ shows $9+(4) 5+$ unbalanced without $4+\downarrow / \wedge$.
Opening $2 \star$ shows $9-155+* 4+3 \downarrow / \wedge$.
5 m 422 and 5 M 332 are classified as balanced at openings.
Only one strong bid after unbalanced openings.
LEB after overcalls in many sequences.

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

Openings:
1*: (14) $15+$ BAL or $(11) 12+6+\infty \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{o} 4+\boldsymbol{\sim}$
$1 \bullet$ : $8+4+4+\vee \wedge$ unbal or $43 \vee \wedge 5+\infty / \downarrow$
1NT: NV 11-14 BAL, VUL 12-14, at $3^{\text {rd }}$, $4^{\text {th }}$ seat always $12-14$ can be untypical distribution

2 : 9-15; 5+ヶ4+ 3 $4 / \wedge$
2NT: 11+; $5+5+\boldsymbol{*}$ w/o 3

- / - $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ : $0-9 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{f}$ fit $3+$
$1 \vee-2 \vee / 1 \wedge-2 \boldsymbol{A}$ : $0-7$ fit 3(4)
$1 \propto-1 \wedge$ : $0-5$ any or w/o $4+\boldsymbol{\sim} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$-8 unbal or $9+$ BAL


## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

The strongest bidding is forcing pass and then cancellation partner's double
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT IN ELSEWHERE
We prefer aggressive style of preempts.

## PSYCHIC BIDS

Rarely.

| Open ing | Artifi cial | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Min } \\ \text { no. } \\ \text { car } \\ \text { ds } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \mathrm{Ng} \\ \text { dou } \\ \text { ble } \\ \text { to } \end{array}$ | Description | Responses | Subsequent bidding | Passed hand bidding and modification over competition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\％ | X | 2 | 2＾ | （14） $15+\mathrm{BAL}$ <br> （11） $12+6+\infty \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{o} 4 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{A}$ | $1-1 v: 6+4+v / 4$ <br> 1 A ：0－5 any or $6-8$ unbal w／o $4+\mathrm{M}$ or $9+$ BAL w／o 4＋M 1NT：6－8 BAL w／o 4＋M；2ヶ：9＋6＋F1； 2 －：9＋6＋ゃFG <br>  $3 * / \star: 12+10+$ three suiters with shortage $* / \star F G$ $3 \boldsymbol{*} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}: 9+5+5+\boldsymbol{s}$ shortage $\boldsymbol{v} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ <br>  | After $1 \boldsymbol{\rho}-1$（similar after $1 \boldsymbol{\sigma}-1 \boldsymbol{1}$ ）： <br> 1 v： $18+(R) 3+\boldsymbol{v} ; 2$ ： $19+(R) 2$ BAL <br> 2н：15＋6＋＊＊／o $3+$－ $3 *: 6+* 3$ INV； $3 *: 6+* 4 * F G$ <br> After $1 \boldsymbol{p}-1 \mathrm{~A}$ ： <br> 1NT：15－19 BAL；2＊：11－18 6＋＊；2＊：BAL or 6＋ゃ FG <br> $2 \boldsymbol{v}: 22-23$ BAL； $2 \boldsymbol{A}: 19+6+\star 4$－ <br> 1＊－1NT－2 ：19＋（R） | Transfer style except dbl against 1 a which shows $4+\boldsymbol{v}$ ． TRF at level 2 to OPPT＇s M suit shows $6+\boldsymbol{*}$ at least INV． TRF to $2 v / a$ is at least INV． $1 \&-<1 \star / M>-2 \&: 10+w / 04+M$ and w／o 6＋m $1 *-<1 * / M>-3 x$ shows $5+5+$ FG． <br> $1 *-<1>-2 \boldsymbol{\sim}: 6+\boldsymbol{*}$ at least INV w／o 4＋M <br> $1 \stackrel{\omega}{*}<1$／$\wedge>-2 \wedge: 6+$ at least INV |
| 1 ＊ | X | 0 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8+4+4+\downarrow \wedge \text { unbal } \\ & 8+43 \vee \wedge 5+\infty / \leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$ |  <br> 1NT： $12+(\mathrm{R})$ if $4+\mathrm{M}$ then FG； $2 *: 0-11$（4） $5+\infty$ w／o $3+\mathrm{M}$ 2 ：0－11 6＋w／o 3M；2 $\downarrow$／a：7－10 4 - ／a；2NT：11－14 4＋M <br>  3NT： $5+\mathrm{M}$ shortage oM ；4＊／$: 8-105+\mathrm{*} / \mathrm{A}$ TRF | After $1 \diamond-1 \vee($ similar after $1 \$-1 \wedge)$ ： <br> 1NT： $13+5+\vee$ or $8-133-5+\mathrm{m}$ or $4+\mathrm{m}$ w／o $5+\mathrm{M} \mathrm{FG}$ <br> 2m：14－21 4＋m w／o 5＋M；2NT：5＋＾4 FG <br> 1－1NT－2＊：8－11 any <br> 1－2NT－3＊：ask F1 |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8+5+\backsim \text { w/o } 4+\uparrow \text { and } 5332 \\ & 12+1 \uparrow 444 \\ & 14+4 \backsim 5+m \text { w/o } 3+\uparrow 5422 \end{aligned}$ | $1 \wedge$ ： $8+5+\wedge$ usually w／o $3 \mathbf{v} ; 1 \mathrm{NT}: 10+(R)$ if $3+\boldsymbol{v}$ then FG <br>  <br>  <br> 3＊：8－10 4＋mixed raise； 3 ：12－13 4＋$\downarrow$ any short．FG <br>  <br> 4－：8－10 4＋ | After $1 \mathbf{v}$－1NT： <br> 2ヵ：8－11 any； $2 \boldsymbol{v}: 11-126+\boldsymbol{v} ; 2 \boldsymbol{n}: 12+5+\boldsymbol{4 + \infty}$ F1 <br> 2NT：13＋6＋FG；3m：4 5＋m FG；3 ：12＋1444／04（54） <br> $1 \mathrm{v}-1 \mathrm{~A}-1 \mathrm{BA}:(12) 13+$ any F1 <br> 1v－2NT－3 ， 1 － $3 *-3$ ：ART G／T <br> $1 \mathrm{v}-\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{v} \mathrm{A}$ ：ask about shortage | New suit at level 2 is non forcing New suit at level 3 is INV Dbl shows（9）10＋PC and contains any FG w／o 4＋OPPT＇s suit below 3 is mixed raise $1 \boldsymbol{v}<1 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 2 x>-2 N T: 4+\boldsymbol{v}$ at least INV or $3 \boldsymbol{v}$ exactly $\operatorname{INV}$ $1 \downarrow$－＜3m／$\uparrow>-4 ゅ$ ： $4+\downarrow$ FG |
| 1＾A |  | 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8+5+\uparrow \text { w/o } 4+\backsim \text { and } 5332 \\ & 12+1 \backsim 444 \\ & 14+4 \wedge 5+\mathrm{m} \text { w/o } 3+\backsim 5422 \end{aligned}$ | 1NT：10＋（R）if $3+\boldsymbol{n}$ then FG $2 \boldsymbol{n}: 0-9$ any w／o $3+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ $2 \star: 7+6+\downarrow$ usually w／o $3 \boldsymbol{A} ; 2 \boldsymbol{~}: 8$－12 3（4）；2＾：0－7 3（4）＾ 2NT：11－13 4＋ or 13－14 3a；3＊：6＋＊INV $3 \uparrow: 8-104+\uparrow$ mixed raise； 3 ： $12-134+\star$ any short．FG 3NT／4m：14－16 4＋＾short．v／m；4v：8－10 4＋＾ | After 1 $\mathrm{A}-1 \mathrm{NT}$ ： <br>  <br> 2NT： $13+6+\star$ FG；3m：4＾ $5+m$ FG； $3 \wedge$ ： $12+4144 / 40(54)$ <br> 1 $\boldsymbol{A}-2 N T-3$ ， 1 A -3 － $3 \mathbf{v}$ ：ART G／T <br> $1 A-3 / A-3 B A$ ：ask about shortage | Like after 1 vopening |
| 1NT |  | 2 | 2＾ | NV 11－14 BAL，V 12－14 BAL at $3^{\text {rd }}, 4^{\text {th }}$ seat always $12-14$ can be： 5 －／$\uparrow, 6 \boldsymbol{*} / \star, 5422$ with $5 * / 4$ | STAY，TRF $2 \wedge$（could be 4 cards if INV or FG） <br> 2 $\boldsymbol{A}: 5+4+\boldsymbol{*}$ ， $6+$ FG， $6+\boldsymbol{*}$ INV <br> 3ヶ： $6+$ weak， $6+$ \＆G； 3 ：ask about 5M FG <br> $3 \vee / \wedge: 6+\star$ shortage $\uparrow / 6+\star$ shortage $\&$ FG | 1NT－2 $\boldsymbol{*}-2 \mathrm{NT} / 3 \boldsymbol{*}: 44 \vee$ MIN／MAX <br>  <br>  <br> 1NT－2 $n-2 N T / 3 *:$ MIN／MAX no shorter than＊ | 1NT－＜2v／＾＞－2NT：Lebensohl TRF style at level 3. After 1 NT pas required rdbl if opener has bottom． 1NT－＜dbl＞－3x：PRE |
| 2＊ | X | 0 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9+6+* w / 04+v / \wedge \\ & 9+5 * 4 * 3 * / \star \\ & 16+5 * 4 / 5 * 3 * / \star \end{aligned}$ |  2NT：12＋（R）F1； 3 ： $8-113+* 3 \boldsymbol{*} / \mathrm{A}: 6+\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{A} \mathrm{INV}$ 4＊：splinter；4＊：PRE | After $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star: 2 \mathrm{M}: 14-183 \mathrm{M} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}: 16+6+*$ 3＊：54／55ヶ＊FG；3M：19－21 3M 54／55 ヶ＊ <br> 2 $\boldsymbol{\sim}-2 N T-3 v / \boldsymbol{A}$ ：shortage $\boldsymbol{v} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ FG | Double shows points <br> $2 \star-<2 \vee / \wedge>-2 N T$ ：weak with fit＊or FG with suit Suit at level 3 after $2 \boldsymbol{\sim} /$ is INV |
| 2 ＊ |  | 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9-135+* 4 / 5 * 3 v / \uparrow \\ & 14-155 * 4 * 3 v / \uparrow \end{aligned}$ | 2v：0－13（4） $5+\boldsymbol{v}$ ；2A：9－13 $5+\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ； <br> 2NT：12＋（R）or 10－11 3＋＊；3＊：0－9 3＋＊ <br>  | $2 \star-2 \boldsymbol{v}-2 \boldsymbol{*} / \mathrm{NT}: 9-13 / 14-153 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ <br> $2 *-2 \boldsymbol{A}-2 \mathrm{NT} / 3 * / 3$ ：12－13／9－11／14－15 3 <br> 2 -2 NT－3／／$: 14-15$ shortage $/ \wedge$ FG | Double shows points <br> $2 \wedge-<2 v / \wedge>-2 N T$ ：weak with fit $m$ or $F G$ with suit <br> Suit at level 3 after $2 \boldsymbol{\sim} / \boldsymbol{A}$ is INV |
| 2v |  | 4 |  | 9－13 4 5 5＋m／w／o 3＋＾ | $2 \star: 6+\star$ SO；2NT：（R）F1； $3 \star:$ P／C； $3 \star 4+\bullet$ INV $3 \boldsymbol{v}: 4+\boldsymbol{\text { PRE}} ; 3 \boldsymbol{n}: 6+\star$ INV； $4 \star$ P／C PRE； $5 \boldsymbol{*}:$ P／C | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \vee-2 N T-3 m: \operatorname{MIN} 5+m \\ & 2 \vee-2 N T-3 \vee \wedge: M A X 5+\boldsymbol{M A C} \text { FG } \end{aligned}$ | Double penalty $3 \approx / 4 \div / 5 * P / C \text { after } \wedge O / C$ |
| 2＾ |  | 4 |  | 9－13 4 $5+$ ¢ $/$ W／o $3+$－ | 2NT：（R）F1；3＊：P／C； $3 \boldsymbol{*}: 4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ INV； $3 \mathbf{v}: 6+\boldsymbol{v}$ INV 3＾： $4+\boldsymbol{A}$ PRE； $4 ヵ$ P／C PRE； $5 \boldsymbol{n}$ ：P／C | 2 $\boldsymbol{A}-2$ NT－3m：MIN $5+m$ <br> $2 \boldsymbol{n}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \mathrm{*} / \mathrm{A}: \mathrm{MAX} 5+\boldsymbol{m} / \star \mathrm{FG}$ | Double penalty <br> $3 \approx / 4 \approx / 5 \approx$ P／C after $\vee$ O／C |
| 2NT | X | 0 |  | 11＋5＋5＋a＊W／o 3／／ | $3 \mathbf{v}$ ：ask for shortage FG <br> 3n：INV with fit $\boldsymbol{\pi} /$／ <br> 4\％／：PRE | 2NT－3－ $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ ：shortage $\wedge$ 2NT－3－3NT：11－15 shortage $\boldsymbol{v}$ 2NT－3 $A$－3NT：automatic bid | Double penalty |
| 3＊／＊ |  | 6 |  | NV weak PRE | 3＊ $14 *$ ：ask for shortage FG；new suit is INV | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 3\％／＊ |  | 6 |  | VUL constructive PRE | $3 * / 4 *$ ：ask for shortage FG；new suit is F1 | Showing shortage is preferred． <br> Cue bids，splinters，double splinters after openings $1 \boldsymbol{\sim} / \mathrm{A}$ ． <br> RKCB with queen and kings（resp． $5-1 / 4,5-0 / 3$ ），Exclusive Blackwood．Turbo convention in many sequences． After Blackwood on minor suit and answer beneath $5 \uparrow$ bidding 5 NT is sign off． |  |
| 3＊／4 |  | 6 |  | $6+\boldsymbol{/}$／depends on vul． | 3A：NAT FG |  |  |
| 3NT |  | 0 |  | gambling w／o stopper | 4＊／5＊：P／C；4＊：ask for shortage |  |  |
| 4\％／＊ |  | 7 |  | 7＋＊／＊weak PRE |  |  |  |

