

PRE ALERTS

2012 CNTC

Team #1: Rayner

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| 1 st – 2 nd Position | 3 rd Position | 4 th Position |
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| 2♦ Multi | 2♦ Weak natural | 2♦ Flannery |
| 2♥ Hearts and Another | 2♥ Weak natural | 2♥ Weak |
| 2♠ Spades and minor | 2♠ Weak natural | 2♠ Weak |

Multi 2♦ - A weak 2 in one of the Majors - ACBL Defense database

2♥ Hearts and Another – 5/5 or more suit length, 5-10 HCPs - NO ACBL defense - suggestion follows

Direct position – X as T/O of Hearts – all else natural including 2NT (system on)
Balancing 2♥ P P? Treat as if weak 2♥ P P – your normal methods apply

2♥ P 2♠ - played as pass or correct. Use X as 13 - 15 balanced (or 19+). Bid 2NT with ♥ stopper with 16-18. Keep in mind that responder will normally have a better fit in one of the minors. Opener's pass shows ♥ and ♠. Responder to X passes for penalty or bids naturally. If opener shows the Majors, then a Major suit Q bid shows that suit stopped.

If Opener bids a minor, X is responsive and suits natural (including ♠)

2♥ P 2NT or 2♥ P 3♣ asks for second suit usually with some interest. Bid naturally with sound values. We “imply” some ♠ length or strength, as else we would have bid 2♠.

Passing then X suggests T/O and full values after having had to wait to see which suits are held. All suit bids natural except for 2♥

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