

Team 2 – Miles

Partnership: Gitelman - Kokish

- 3NT opening = Preempt with at least 6-5 in the majors. Expected playing strength and minimum suit quality vary according to vulnerability and position, but we generally consider our 3NT opening to be closer to a constructive bid rather than an in-your-face preempt. Many players nowadays would opening the bidding at the 1-level on a lot of hands with which we open 3NT.

Suggested defence to 3NT showing both majors:

DBL - Balanced or semi-balanced with a 16+ HCPs. Subsequent DBLs are responsive/takeout.

4m - Natural overcall. About the same strength as you would expect for a 4m overcall after a 3M preempt by the opponents.

4H - Strong hand with both minors, emphasis on clubs

4S - Strong hand with both minors, emphasis on diamonds 4NT -

Strong hand with both minors, no emphasis

5m - Natural overcall. About the same strength as you would expect for a 5m overcall after a 3M preempt by the opponents.

Pass and then DBL is Penalty. Pass and then 4NT is a shape hand with both minors (versus 4H/4S/4NT above all of which suggest significant high card strength). Pass and then 5m is natural - a hand with good playing strength but not enough high cards for immediate action.