

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty   
 Negative  thru 4♣  
 Responsive  thru 4♣ Maximal   
 Support: Dbl.  thru 2♥ Redbl   
 Card-showing  Snapdragon  
 Min. off-shape T-O  vs short minor

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level: 7 to 17 HCP (usually)  
 often 4 cards  very-light style   
**Responses**  
 New Suit: Forcing  NFConst  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
 2NT/1M = 4-card LR  
 Jump-cue = mixed-raise

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak   
 Lowest JO = next two suits

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light  
 3/4-bids  V  NV   
 Conv. resp.: 4♣ (4♦/♠) = KC ask

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
 Natural    
 Michaels    
 Other: Next two suits

### SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber  4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 Cheap KC ConFit Exclusion specific Kings  
 vs Interference: DOPI  below 5T DEPO  ROPI  ignore doubles

### LEADS

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
x x	x ⊗ x x	x x	x x x 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 ⊗ x
K(Q) x	K J(T) x	A J ⊗ 9	A T ⊗ x
Q(J) x	K T(9) x	K ⊗ J x	(K) Q T 9
J(T) 9	Q T(9) x	Q ⊗ T x	Q T ⊗ x
K(Q) T 9		J ⊗ 9 x	T ⊗ x x

Rusinow in known long-suits (4\*)  
 K = power

### 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

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on  1M  
 Cue = Stayman / 1M  
 Balancing: 11-14/m, 12-16/M  
 sys. on, range-Stayman/M  
 Jump to 2NT: Suits below & above

### DEFENCE to NOTRUMP

vs: strong (14+) weak  
 Dbl  + other  penalty   
 2♣  + other   + other   
 2♦   + other   
 2♥     
 2♠     
 2NT  +   +   
 Other

### OVER OPP'S T-O DOUBLE

New-Suit Forcing: 1 level  2 level   
 Jump Shift: Forcing  Inv.  Weak \*  
 m→om=LR+, 1♥→2♣=LR, 1♠→3♥=MR  
 Redouble implies no fit   
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak  
 Majors  \*   
 Minors     
 Other: 3NT = fit, \*1♥→2NT = Mixed-R

### DEFENCE to PREEMPTS

Double: Takeout  thru 4♣ Penalty   
 Lebensohl 2NT Response  not vs 2♦  
 Conv. Takeout: 4NT = 2-suiter  
 Other: Wk & Leap Mic./wk2, NLM/3

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT  
 Standard: count    
 Except   
 Upside-down:  
 count    
 attitude    
 FIRST DISCARD  
 Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even

### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo  \*  
 Trump Suit Pref.   
 Foster Echo

### SPECIAL CARDING

\* rev. by leader

NAMES: Shelley Burns, Kelvin Raywood

### GENERAL APPROACH

2/1 GF: nebulous-2♣ response & Schuler-Shift rebid

Two Over One: Game Forcing  Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid   
 VERY LIGHT: Openings  3rd Hand  Overcalls  Preempts  T-O dbles  
 FORCING OPENING: 1♣  2♣  Natural 2-bids  Other

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17  
 5-card Major common   
 System on over X, 2♣  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
 2♦ Transfer to ♥   
 Forcing Stayman   
 2♥ Transfer to ♠   
 2♠ → ♣  
 2NT natural inv.

3♣ → ♦ (wk | strong)  
 3♦ 5-5 minors GF  
 3♥ } stiff, 3 x oM  
 3♠ }  
 4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
 Smolen  Baze  
 Neg. Double  thru 3♠  
 Lebensohl  (denies)  
 Rubensohl  
 2nd-round transfers

2NT 20 to 22-  
 Puppet Stayman   
 Smolen  
**Transfer Responses:**  
 Jacoby  Texas   
 3♠ minors  
 4♣ → ♦  
 3NT: 3rd, 4th = to play  
**Conventional NT Openings**  
 3NT: 1st, 2nd = solid minor

### MAJOR OPENING

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

### RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak \*  
 \*1♥-(1♠): 2NT = mixed-R, 3♥ = inv.  
 Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splitter   
 1NT: Forcing  1♣ Semi-forcing  1♥  
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  minors by PH  
 3NT: 16 to 17 3-3-(3-4)  
 Drury: Reverse  2-Way  3-way  
 Other: next-step GT, 1♥-2♠ = GF-R  
 JS to 3-level by UnPH = nat. 6-8

### MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 NF Conv.  
 1♣      
 1♦

### RESPONSES

5-7  
 Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 Forcing Raise: JS in other minor   
 Single raise  GF Other: 2♣ = 8-11  
 Frequently bypass 4+♦   
 1NT/1♣: 6 to 10  
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  13 to 15 (18\*)  
 3NT: 16 to 17  
 Other: 2♥ by unPH = 11-12 bal.  
 JS to other minor by unPH = nat. inv.

### DESCRIBE

2♣ Strong  Other   
 2♦ Resp: Neg.  Waiting   
 2♦ 18 to 19 HCP balanced  
 Natural  Conv.   
 2♥ } 5 to 10 HCP  
 Natural  Conv.   
 2♠ } Often 5 cards in 3rd NV

### RESPONSES & REBIDS

2♣ (3♣) = one-loser red (black) suit  
 3♦, 3♥, 3♠, 4♠ = transfer to solid suit  
 3M rebid = ♦ + M  
 2♥ → 2♠, 2♠ → 2NT  
 Stayman, transfers, ...  
 2NT Force  Bogust  
 New Suit NF  vs overcall  
 vs X: suit = lead directing

### OTHER CONV. CALLS:

New Minor Forcing  PH 2-Way NMF  unPH  
 Weak Jump-Shifts: In Comp.  after our 1m opening Not in Comp.   
 4th-Suit Forcing: 1 Round  Game  Vs strong 1♣: Mathe  
 Vs overcall: 2oM = NF, 3oM = GF, JS to minor = fit showing  
 After we balance: unbid minor = rev. Drury  
 Vs 2-suit overcall: lo cue = 4th suit, hi cue = LR+