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GENERAL APPROACH

KIMTHUR

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

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17
 5-card Major common
 System on over
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ **Forcing Stayman**
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ **natural**
 2♠ **natural**
 2NT **invite**

3♣ **natural/invite**
 3♦ **natural invite**
 3♥ **6+cards Gf/ St**
 3♠ **6+cards/GF/ ST**
 4♦, 4♥ **Transfer**
Smolen
Lebensohl (FA denies)
 Neg. Double
 Other:

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby **Texas**
 3♠ 1 or 2 minors
 3NT to

Conventional NT Openings
gambling 3NT

MAJOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. **Weak**
 After Overcall: Force Inv. **Weak**
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT **Splinter**
 Other: **Bergen 3C & 3D**
 1NT: **Forcing** **Semi-forcing** **PH**
 2NT: **Forcing** Inv. to
 3NT: 15 to 17
 Drury : **Reverse** **2-Way** **Fit**
 Other: **HSGT**

MINOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. **Weak**
 After Overcall: Force Inv. **Weak**
 Forcing Raise: **J/S in other minor**
 Single raise Other:
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 13 to 14
 3NT: 15 to 17
 Other: **2H=11-12 balanced, 2S=WJS**

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ <u> </u> to <u> </u> HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	2H=auto second neg
2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	
2♦ <u>5</u> to <u>11</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: **New Minor Forcing:** **2-Way NMF**

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. **Not in Comp.** **2S/1m**

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. **Game**

XYZ

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty**
 Negative thru 3s
 Responsive : thru 4d Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2 **Redbl**
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
BOP

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to + HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Jump Q=4 limit

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 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 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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11 to 15
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: weak strong
 2♣ **majors** **majors**
 2♦ **1 major** **1 major**
 2♥ **H+m** **H+m**
 2♠ **S+m** **S+m**
 Dbl: equiv+ 4M 5+m
 Other 2NT= weak 1 minor
 3m = invites 3NT

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

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru Penalty
 Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other:

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echorev
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK