# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light - medium

1 NT overcall (2<sup>ND</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup>; Responses; Reopening)

14 – 18 balanced

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Medium

Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Medium/strong

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

Multilandy in  $1^{st}/2^{nd}$  seat: X=sugg punitive, 2\*=both M,  $2 \leftarrow 1M$ ,  $2 \leftarrow 1M$ ,  $2 \leftarrow 1M$ , and a m,  $2 \leftarrow 1M$  & a m,  $2 \leftarrow 1M$ 

DONT in  $4^{th}$  seat passed hand:x= suit,  $2 = + + \sqrt{/}$ ,  $2 = + \sqrt{/}$ ,  $2 = + \sqrt{/}$ ,  $2 = - \sqrt{/}$  and yeaker than x,  $2^{th}$  strong bicolour

VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

Strong

**VS. Artificial Strong Openings** 

Natural

Over Opponents' take out double

Natural, xx = 9hcp +

| Leads and Signals   |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |  |
|                     | Lead   | In Partner's Suit  |  |  |
| Suit                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =even, 4 <sup>th</sup> may occur | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =even, 4 <sup>th</sup> may occur |  |  |
| NT                  | $3^{rd}$ - $5^{th}$ =odd; 2- $4^{th}$ - $6^{th}$ =even, $4^{th}$ may occur                                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =even, 4 <sup>th</sup> may occur |  |  |
| Subseq              |  |  |  |  |

| Leads |  |   |  |  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
| Lead  | Vs. Suit   | Vs. NT  |  |  |
| Ace   | $A\underline{K}/\underline{A}Kx/\underline{A}Kxx(x)$ | $A\underline{K}/\underline{A}Kx/\underline{A}Kxx(x)$      |  |  |
| King  | $\underline{K}Q/\underline{K}QJ(x)/KQT(x)$           | $\underline{K}Q/\underline{K}QJ(x)/\underline{K}QT(x)$    |  |  |
| Queen | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)                                  | $A\underline{Q}J(x)/\underline{Q}J(x)/\underline{Q}JT(x)$ |  |  |
| Jack  | $H\underline{J}T(x)/\underline{J}T(x)$               | $H\underline{J}T(x)/\underline{J}T(x)$                    |  |  |
| 10    | H <u>T</u> 9x/AQT(x)/ <u>T</u> 9x                    | H <u>T</u> 9x/AQT(x)/ <u>T</u> 9x                         |  |  |
| 9     | H9 <u>x</u> /9x <u>x</u> / <u>T</u> 9                | H9 <u>x</u> /9x <u>x/T</u> 9                              |  |  |
| Х     | Hx <u>x</u> x/H <u>T</u> 9x/xxxx(x)                  | Hxx <u>x</u> /H <u>T</u> 9x/xxxx( <u>x</u> )              |  |  |

|                 | Partners lead | Declarer  | Discarding |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Suit:           | attitude      | count     | attitude   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | count         | lavinthal | lavinthal  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | lavinthal     | attitude  | count      |
| NT:             | attitude      | count     | attitude   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | count         | lavinthal | lavinthal  |

Signals in order of priority

**Signals (including Trump's)**: Smith echo (low card = like)

lavinthal

Doubles

attitude

count

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

NORMAL

Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Supp x and xx to 2





# System:

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|---------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|         | Topbridge          | Topbridge                        |

### System Summary

#### General Approach and Style

Natural, 5533, 2/1 GF (except ambiguous 2\* after 1M opening)

Transfers after 1♣

Xyz, lebensohl and transfers following 3 level interference after our nt, lebensohl transfers after opps weak 2 bids, switch after interference 3 ◆ after our nt,

Good/bad

# Special bids that may require defence

2 ◆ = weak multi = 2-7 hcp (5) 6 card in one M or 24-25 hcp balanced,

Special forcing pass sequences

Important notes that don't fit

**Psychics** 

Almost never

| Opening    | Art | Min. #   | Neg. D.<br>through | Description   | Responses   | Subsequent Auction  | Passed Hand Bidding   |
|------------|-----|----------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| ō          |     | ~        | Ž ↓                |   | ·   | ·   | r assed riand bidding   |
| 1 <b>.</b> |     | 3        | 4♥                 | Better minor,<br>9-21   | Transfers, invitational inverted minor, splinters, 2♠=♦&forcing, 1nt up to 12, 2nt= 13-15,  | 1 <b>*</b> -1 • = 4 + <b>v</b> , 1 <b>v</b> = 4 + <b>A</b> , 1 <b>*</b> - 1 <b>A</b> asks descr. hand, 1 <b>*</b> (1 •) 1 <b>A</b> = <b>v</b> & <b>A</b> , may have 5 <b>v</b>  |   |
| 1♦         |     | 3        | 4♥                 | Better minor,<br>9-21   | Natural, invitational inverted minor, splinters   | 1   |   |
| 1♥         |     | 5        | 4.                 | Natural<br>9-21   | 2♣=drury (9+) or nat GF, 2nt=Jacoby GF, 2♠=short in a minor, 3♣= invit w 4c supp, 3♠= short in ♠,   | After drury: $2 + 13-17$ catch all, $2 = 11-12$ , $2 = 11$ nat rev, $2 + 18-19$ , $3 = 11-12$ , $3$ | Drury, 2♣/♦ =3/4c supp, 2♥= min, 2x asks for help, 2y may deny help-shows value y. After opps x of 1♥ 2♦=good raise in ♥        |
| 1.         |     | 10       | 4♥                 | Natural<br>9-21   | 2♣=drury (9+) or nat GF, 2nt Jacoby GF,3♣= short in a minor, 3♠ inv with 4card- supp, 3♥=splinter   | After drury: 2 ◆ =13-17 catch all, 2 ♠ = 11-12, 2nt=18-<br>19, 3 ♣ = supp&GF, 3 ♠ = sets trump asks cue, 3 ◆ =5k&<br>16-19, 3 ♥ = short& ♣ supp.Jacoby: 3x=nat&extra, 3 ♠ =<br>min 4 ♠ = void ♥, 4x = void, 3 ♠ from p asks shortness   | Drury, 2♣/♦=3/4c supp,<br>2♠=min, 2x asks for help, 2y may<br>deny help-shows value y. After x<br>of 1♠ 2♥=good raise in spades |
| 1 NT       |     |          |                    | (14)15-16 may<br>incl shortness,<br>5M & 6m                           | Stayman (may not have 4card M), transfers, 2♠ tr to ♣, 2nt tr to ♦, 3♣=puppet, 3M=short&GF, 3♦=5/5 ♣/♦&GF. 4♣/♦=♥/♠ also after interference | After Major search opposite M is slaminvit.   |   |
| 2♣         | х   |          |                    | Artificial, if<br>balanced 22+  | 2 ◆ relais/waiting,2nt= both minors, others positive  | 3. second negative  |   |
| 2♦         | х   | (5)<br>6 |                    | 2-7, (5)6c M or<br>24-25 hcp bal                                      | After 2nt 3 $=$ max, 3 $\checkmark$ / $=$ min $\checkmark$ / $*$ , 4 $*$ asks transfer to suit, 4 $*$ = bid suit, 4M play,                  | After $(3x) - 4*$ asks for tr, $4*$ asks for suit   |   |
| 2♥         |     |          |                    | 8-11, 6 cards   | 2nt artificial forcing asks shortness, new suit natural GF, except 2♥ - 2♠  |   |   |
| 2*         |     |          |                    | 8-11, 6 cards   | 2nt artificial forcing asks shortness, new suit natural GF  |   |   |
| 2 NT       |     |          |                    | Balanced –<br>semi balanced<br>(19) 20-21                             | Puppet, tranfers,   | Slam Conventions  |   |
| 3x         |     | 6        |                    | preempt   | New suit natural forcing  | RCKB 0314, Exclusion BW, cue bids, DOPI, ROPI, 5nt  | pick-a-slam, Last Train   |
| 3NT        |     |          |                    | Gambling,<br>minor, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup><br>hand anything | 4,5,6,7♣ = pass or correct, 4♦ asks for shortness. 4M to play   |   |   |
| 4          |     | 6        |                    | preempt   | Natural, 4M to play after ♣♦  |   |   |
| 4NT        |     |          |                    | Asks specific<br>ace  | 5♣=0, 5♦=♦A, 5♥=♥A, 5♠=♠A, 5nt= 2 A,6♣= ♣A  |   |   |