

## 3♦ opening showing a weak major suit pre-empt

Rating: Minimum 6 boards per segment/round

### Defense:

*Note: To pass and then double is takeout.*

Over 3♦:

Double = 14+ HCP, usually take further action with 17+

3♥, 3♠ = Natural, responses natural except:

3♠ over 3♥ = cue agreeing spades

4♥ over 3♠ = cue agreeing hearts

3NT = To play, usually one suited

4♣ = asks for suits up the line: responses:

4♦ = ♣, 4♥ = ♦, 4♠ = ♥, 4NT = ♠

Now next suit is Roman Key Card Blackwood

(eg 3♦ - 3NT - Pass - 4♣ - Pass - 4NT - Pass - 5♣ = Roman Key Card Blackwood for ♠)

4♦ = transfer to ♥, now 4♠ is Roman Key Card Blackwood for ♥

4♥ = transfer to ♠, now 4NT is Roman Key Card Blackwood for ♠

4X = Natural, responses natural except:

4♠ over 4♥ = cue agreeing hearts

5♥ over 4♠ = cue agreeing spades

4NT = Minor 2-suiter

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After 3♦ - Pass - Pass: Bids/double as directly over a natural 3♦ opening

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After 3♦ - Pass - Natural suit: Bid as over an opening bid of suit bid to the right

After 3♦ - Pass - suit that asks for correction: Double = Takeout, others natural  
(eg 3♦ - Pass - 3♥ - 4♥ = natural)

After 3♦ - Pass - suit that asks for major: Double = That suit  
(eg 3♦ - Pass - 4♦ - Double = Diamonds; 4♦ asks opener for his major)

After 3♦ - Pass - bid - Pass - Pass/bid (eg 3♦ - Pass - 3♥ - Pass - Pass/3♠):

Double = takeout

Suit = Natural, responses natural except suit shown by opponents = cue agreeing

(eg 3♦ - Pass - 3♥ - Pass - Pass - 3♠ - Pass - 4♥ = agrees spades)

Cue bid = 2-suiter, other major + minor

(eg 3♦ - Pass - 3♥ - Pass - Pass - 4♥ = spades + minor)

After 3♦ - Double - Pass or Redouble: Bids natural

After 3♦ - Double – 3M:

Pass = Non-forcing, may have length in suit bid by responder

Double = Responsive.

Suit = Natural, non-forcing.

4X = Natural, non-forcing, including in suit bid to right:

(eg 3♦ - Pass - 3♥ - 4♥ = hearts)

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After 3♦ - Double - bid - Pass – Pass (eg 3♦ - Double - 3♥ - Pass - Pass):

Double = 17+ HCP, takeout

Suit = Natural, 17+ HCP.

Cue bid = 2-suiter, other major + minor, 17+ HCP.

After 3♦ - Double - Pass - Pass - bid:

Double = 17+ HCP, takeout

Suit = Natural, 17+ HCP.

Cue bid = 2-suiter, other major + minor, 17+ HCP.

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After 3♦ - Double/Pass - Pass/bid - Pass - bid - Pass - Pass:

Double = takeout

Others = Natural