



NAMES Ricco van Prooijen - Louk Verhees

GENERAL APPROACH

Strong club, many relays and transfers

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 14 to 16
2NT 22 to 23
3NT to
Good 4M opening
Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

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

MINOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak 
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak 
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter 
Other: 2M-1
1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing 
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  to
3NT: to
Drury: Reverse  2-Way  Fit 
Other: 1S-2D trf H
1M+1 GF Rel, 2C Any inv or -11 2M

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♣ to
2NT Forcing  Inv.  to
3NT: to
Other: 1D-2C Inv+ 3+, 1D-2D Inv+ 5+

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 10 to 15 HCP
Strong  Other  6+C
2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting 
2♦ 10 to 15 HCP (43)15,4414,4405
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv. 
2♥ to HCP from 2-7 to 4-9
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv. 
2♠ to HCP from 2-7 to 4-9
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing:  2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.  Not in Comp. 
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.  Game

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: to Systems on 
Conv. 4M5+m, Nat over 3rd seat
Balancing: 11 to 14/16
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest 
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:
2♣ Majors
2♦ 1 Major
2♥ 5+ minor
2♠ 5+ minor
Dbl: Pen
Other

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 Transfers

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru Penalty 
Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response 
Other: Trf Leb. (non)leaping Michaels

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty 
Negative  thru
Responsive  : thru Maximal 
Support: Dbl.  thru 2M Redbl 
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 5 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards  very light style 
Responses
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF 
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids   
Conv./Resp. 1st NV-Vul very light

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural  
Strong T/O  
Michaels  
1m-2D 5M, 1x-3C 5HL, 1M-2M OM

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430

Optional RKC with minor trump

3N non serious, last train

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: DOPE 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 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 
switch new suit 2/4 incl honours and low doubleton
A-Att, K-Count in suit, Rusinow 5+lvl

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude  Count  Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

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

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal  
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo  
Trump Suit Pref.  
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK