## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

 Slightly aggressive, normally 7-16 hcp, could be weaker NV vs V Responses are NF at 1 or 2 level except after weak 2 openings 2* in response of 1 M is a cuebid
## 1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)

$2^{\text {nd }} 15-17$ (sys on but no relays)
$4^{\text {th }}$ live 15-17 (sys on but no relays)
$4^{\text {th }}$ balancing $10-15$ (sys on but no relays)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

V 12-15 at 2 level; otherwise weak jumps except vs weak opening bids (but nv vs v jumps are pre)
( $1 \star$ ) $2 *$ MM
(1x) 2 NT = two lowest unbid suits
Reopen: cue = two suiter, jumps = 12-15
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cuebid at 2 level shows 2 highest unbid suits (exc 2* = nat)
(1m) $3 \mathrm{~m}=\boldsymbol{\wedge}+\mathrm{om}$ except when $1 *$ can be strong
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
$2:=$ majors
$2 \star=$ one major
$2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}+4+\mathrm{m}$
2NT = minors
Passed hand dbl: $5 \mathrm{~m}+4 \mathrm{M}$

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Cue bid 3 level : Michaels (normally weaker than jump to 4 m )
Jump cuebid: $4 \mathrm{M}=$ minors $\quad 2 / 3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{~m}=5 \mathrm{~m}+5 \mathrm{oM}$
$3 \mathrm{~m}-4 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{MM} ; 3 \mathrm{~m}-4 \mathrm{om}=\mathrm{om}+\mathrm{M} ; 3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{oM}+\mathrm{m}$ (strong)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. $1 *$ or $2 *$
Dbl=MM 1NT=mm (same vs $1 *$ strong $1 *$ neg) $2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{M} 5 \mathrm{~m}$ OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
$2 \mathrm{NT}=$ limit + raise, after $1 \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{dbl})$ jump to oM = mixed raise Weak jumps Jumps to $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ fit showing
TRF after 1M (dbl)

LEADS AND SIGNALS
OPENING LEADS STYLE

|  | Le |
| :--- | :--- |
| Suit | $3^{\text {r }}$ |
| NT | A <br> le |
| Subseq | Th <br> A <br> ow |


|  | Lead |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3^{\text {rd }} \&$ low |  |
| Attitude (very rarely may <br> lead higher from J) |  |

In Partner's Suit
$3^{\text {rd }} \&$ low + att after support Attitude
$1 / 3 / 5$ in unsupported suit
Through dummy: ATT combined with $3^{\text {rd } / l o w ~ v s ~ s u i t, ~}$ ATT vs NT. Through declarer: $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ vs suit in unbid or own unsupported suits, otherwise $3^{\text {rd }} /$ low ( + ATT after
support). $4^{\text {rin }}$ best (ATT) vs NT except in partner's unsupported suit: $3^{\text {rd }} /$ low. NT \& suit: Honour or 10 is one higher or Hx, 9 from 109(x) or (NT) 9x(x)

## LEADS

| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ace | AKx (AKQ possible) | AKx |
| King | KQ AK bare AKx vs 5+ level <br> or 3+ opening, maybe AKx <br> with interest in ruff side suit | KQx, AK in strong suit |
| Queen | QJx maybe AKQ | QJx, maybe KQJx, maybe <br> KQ10 in strong suit |
| Jack | J10x, KJ10x | A/KJ10, J10x |
| 10 | $109 x$ H109x | H109x, 109x(x) |
| 9 | KJ9, 9x | $9 x$, Q/J98(x), A/KJ9(x) |
| Hi-X | HxSx | xSxx |
| Lo-X | HxS xxxxS xxS | HxxS HxxxS |
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## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Low $=$ even | Low $=$ even | Odd= enc at $1^{\text {st }}$ discard |
| Suit 2 | Low $=$ enc | Suit Preference | Count |
| 3 | Suit Preference |  |  |
| 1 | Low $=$ enc | Suit Preference | Odd=enc at $1^{\text {st }}$ discard |
| NT 2 | Low=even | Low $=$ even | Count |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Smith vs NT by $3^{\text {rd }}$ hand often when inserting an honnor at trick 1. (Hi=Pos)
Suit Preference in trump suit
Suit Preference at trick 1 when holding a known long suit (6+), middle=enc DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

$\mathrm{X}=$ opening bid with support for unbid majors or strong
Reopening dbl may be weaker
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
Support dbl \& rdbl thru $2 \boldsymbol{v}$, sometimes higher
DBL on direct SPL response $=$ lead highest unbid suit
Some action dbls

CATEGORY: Blue
NCBO: Netherlands
PLAYERS: Bauke Muller - Simon de Wijs

## EVENT: Bermuda Bowl 2023

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

TARZAN strong *
$5 \operatorname{crd}$ M, $1 *=2+$
$1 \mathrm{NT}=9-12 \mathrm{NV}$ vs V $1^{\text {st }} \& 2^{\text {nd }}$ position $/ 9-14 \mathrm{NV}$ vs V $3^{\text {rd }}$ position $/$ else $=15-17$
$1 \vee$ may also contain $5+\boldsymbol{n}$ in $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ position
GF hands tend to relay for shape, controls, location of honnors 2 NT NV vs V in $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ or $3^{\text {rd }}$ position $=$ minors
Preemptive Style: NV vs V may be aggressive, especially in $1^{\text {st }}$ position. In $3^{\text {rd }}$ position preempts are wide ranged.
Responses 1 level and $3^{\text {rd }}$ hand openings may be (very) shaded

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

$1 \mathrm{M}-2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ any limit (no fit)
$1 \wedge-1 N T=$ GF asking bid
$1 \vee-1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{GF}$ asking bid; $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-1 \mathrm{NT}=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, NF;
$1 \downarrow-2 \downarrow=9-11+\downarrow$ raise $\quad 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \downarrow=9-11+\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ raise
$1 \wedge-2 *=8-115 \vee$ or $0-116 \downarrow$
2 M in $1^{\text {st }}$ position NV vs V may be very weak, $5+$ suit
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
In some cases double is invitational and pass asks for db l

## TWO SUITERS

(1m) $2 *=$ Majors $/(1 \mathrm{~m}) 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{m}+\bullet$
(1M) $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{M}+\quad /(1 \mathrm{M}) 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors
(1m) $3 \mathrm{~m}=5 \mathrm{n}+5 \mathrm{om}$

PSYCHICS: rare


