DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening)
$\mathrm{Cu}=$ good 3 -card raise. $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ good 4 -card raise
New suit forcing
1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-had 18 in $2^{\text {nd }}$, 11-had- 15 in protective, System on as over 1NT opening

## JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak-jump overcalls, can be a little stronger opposite a passed hand. Unusual 2NT - two lowest unbid suits, constructive-plus Reopen: 13-16, six-card suit. 2NT is 19-21.

## DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

Michael's cue bids. ( 1 m ) $2 \mathrm{~m}=55 \mathrm{M}$, ( 1 M ) $2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{oM} / 5 \mathrm{~m}$, wide-ranging when showing both majors, constructive-plus otherwise. Now $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INV}+$ enquiry. Jump cue - stop ask, usually with running minor.

## VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak)

## $\mathrm{X}=$ penalties

$=4+4+$
Same after partner opens $1 \boldsymbol{*}$ or $1 \star$ and RHO overcalls 1NT
$2-6+\varphi / \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4}$
$2 \boldsymbol{\bullet} / \mathrm{a}=5+\boldsymbol{\rightharpoonup} / \mathrm{a}, 4+\mathrm{m}$

VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X = takeout. Lebensohl after partner doubles a weak
2, 2 NT forces 3 C from the doubler, $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$
Leaping/Non-leaping Michaels: Jump to 4 m opposite 2 M is $5 / 5, \mathrm{~m}+$ other M and GF
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1 or 2

## Over strong 1\&

$\mathrm{X}=$ majors, $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

## $\mathrm{xx}=10+$

New suit = forcing
Transfers over 1M X

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## CATEGORY:

## NCBO: England

PLAYERS: Joe Clark, Harry Madden

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Strong NT, 5-card majors, $2 / 1$ GF, short club and transfers, unbalanced diamond, 3 weak 2

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQURE DEFENSE

Transfer responses to one club

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

## Pre-emptor raises their own pre-empt =>

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## IMPORTANT NOTES

| OPENING | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & \mathrm{R} \\ & \mathrm{~T} \\ & ? \end{aligned}$ | MIN NO. OF CARDS | NEG. DBL <br> THRU | DESCRIPTION |  | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | RESPONSES |  |  |
| 120 |  | 2 | 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \leftrightarrow=5+\text { GF } \\ & 2 * / \mathbf{\&}=\text { weak }(4-8) \end{aligned}$ | $1-1 \downarrow-1 \vee=11-14 \text { bal, } 1 \mathrm{NT}=18-19$ <br> 2-way Checkback 2 forces 2 pass or invitational:2 $=$ GF | Support doubles. After $1 \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{P}) 1 \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X}), 1(\mathrm{R}+1)=3$ cards weak nt, pass $=2$ cards WNT, $1 \mathrm{NT}=3$ cards 18-19, XX=2 cards 18-19 |
| $1 *$ |  | 4 if 4441, otherwise 5 | $4 \times$ | Always unbal | $2 \boldsymbol{2}=\mathrm{GF}, 3 \boldsymbol{=}=\mathrm{INV}$ <br> Inverted minors $1 \star-2$ <br> $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ weak | Transfers after 1 -1M (except 1D-1H-1S) <br> Reverses after 1*: show extras <br> 4SF to game |  |
| 1 $1 / 4$ |  | 5 | 4* |  | ```1NT = "semi-forcing" \(5-11\) \(2 \boldsymbol{*} / \mathbf{*} / \boldsymbol{\varphi}=\mathrm{GF}(1 \boldsymbol{\varphi}-2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}=3 \boldsymbol{7 - 9} \mathrm{HCP})\) 2 ) over \(1 \mathbf{~ = ~ w e a k ~}\) 2NT \(=4\) trumps GF \(3 \mathrm{C}=7-9 \mathrm{HCP} 4\) trumps \(3 \mathrm{D}=10-11 \mathrm{HCP} 4\) trumps \(1 \mathrm{~S}-3 \mathrm{H}=\) natural invitational \(3 \mathrm{M}=0-6 \mathrm{HCP} 4 \mathrm{trumps}\) Splinters``` | All reverses show extras <br> Over J2N: $3=$ any min, $3=$ max no short, $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ short $\boldsymbol{*}, 3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ short $\downarrow, 3 N T=$ short $\mathbf{v} / \mathbf{~}$ $4 \boldsymbol{s} / \leftrightarrow / \bullet=5+/ 5+$ | In competition, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ good 4-card raise, cue $=$ good 3-card raise. <br> 2* Drury by a passed hand (off in competition). |
| 1NT |  | - | 4* | 15-17 | Stayman (does not promises a 4 cM ), transfers, $2 \boldsymbol{A}=$ clubs, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ diamonds, $3=$ GF puppet <br> Stayman; $3-5 / 5+\mathrm{m} ; 3 \mathrm{M}=$ splinter $5 / 4+\mathrm{m}$ | Smolen. <br> Transfer to a minor then new suit $=$ shortage . | X = takeout, Lebensohl, after partner doubles a weak 2, 2NT forces 3C from the doubler If they X for penalties, $\mathrm{XX}=$ penalty |
| 2* | yes | - |  | $22+$ balanced or gf | 2 waiting, others $=2 / 3$ top honours+constructive | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{\text { over }} 2 \boldsymbol{}=25+/ \text { natural } \\ & 2 N T \text { rebid }=22-24 \end{aligned}$ | Responders X shows general values $\sim 6+$ ) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star \\ & 2 \downarrow \\ & 2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 6 (5) |  |  | 2NT feature ask <br> New suit non-jump = forcing | Only show feature with values <br> $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ Extra values with no feature |  |
| 2NT |  | - |  | 20-21 | Puppet Stayman, GF transfers to M at 3 level, 3a minors, 4 NT quant, $4 \mathrm{X}=$ transfer; transfer then $4 \mathrm{nt}=$ quantitative |  | $\mathrm{X}=$ takeout |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3 \uparrow / \downarrow / \\ & 3 v / 4 \end{aligned}$ |  | 6 |  | Preempt | New suit = forcing |  |  |
| 3NT | yes | - |  | Running minor, no more than a queen outside | 4/5* pass or correct, 4M to play. |  |  |
| 4x |  | 7 |  | Preempt |  |  |  |
| 4NT |  | - |  | Specific Ace Ask | 5* no ace; $5 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{A}$ of $\mathrm{x}, 5 \mathrm{~N}=$ two aces, $6 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{AC}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 5 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |  | 8 |  |  |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING <br> RKCB 1430 (, 5NT king ask (bid kings up the DOPI/ROPI <br> Cuebid $1 \mathrm{st}+2$ nd round co | ne) rols equally |

