DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Light at the 1 level, sound at the 2 level

after 1lvl overcall, cue is 10+ with 3crd support or strong (16+) with an own long suit, 2NT is inv+ 4+crd support, jumpcue is 6-9 4+crd support, jumping in the suit bid by partner is weak, new suit NF (8-

15); after 2lvl overcall: 2SA nat, new suit NF, cue inv+ w/ support
Splinter only in their suit. rest fitbids

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

15–17 (18), responses same as after 1NT opening, Transfer-Lebensohl applies after (1x) 1NT (2x/y)

4th pos: 11-14, stayman and jacoby apply

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

All weak. Style: quite aggressive, but usually 6+crd

Vulnerable Unusual 2NT is constructive, NV may be light(er)

Reopen: intermediate IOs. 2NT natural

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

Direct cuebid = Michaels, constructive when V, wide-ranged when NV Jump cuebid shows a long suit in want of a stop in opener's suit

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

vs strong: Multi-defence, dbl = 1-suiter ♣ or 2-suiter ♦/♥, 2♣ = 1-

suiter \blacklozenge or 2-suiter $\blacktriangledown/\spadesuit$, etc for $2 \blacklozenge$ and $2 \blacktriangledown$, $2 \spadesuit = \spadesuit + \blacklozenge$, $2NT = \clubsuit + \blacktriangledown$

vs weak: dbl = cards, 2 + + = same, 2 + takes over the double

of a strong NT, 2NT is ♠+♦ or ♣+♥

In 4th pos: dbl is strong and all bids natural!

Versus 1NT overcall: STIC (after 1 m; 2m majors, 2om om+♠, after 1 m; 2m m + oM)

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

standard, 3NT to play (transfers + strong stayman), dbl t/o,

Transfer-Lebensohl afterwards.(non-)Leaping Michaels (3♣-4♦ majors)

Over our natural 2NT (16-18) overcall: same as 2NT opening

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1 or 2 h

Multi-defence versus strong 1♣ (up until 3NT!)

NT is ++ or ++, any bid shows a 1-suiter in the suit above

or a 2-suiter in the two remaining suits

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

redouble interested in defending or no better bid with a strong hand no inverted minors

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE Lead In Partner's Suit Suit 1-3-5, but highest of internal same NT att (small shows hon), MUD same

same

Other: A asks for attitude, K for count (but in the first trick, we mostly also give an attitude signal on a K lead when that looks obvious)

LEADS

Subsea

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT		
Ace	asks att	asks att		
King	asks distr, AK, KQ(J)(xx)	asks distr, AK, KQ(J/T)xx		
Queen	QJ(xxx)	QJ(T/9)xxx, AQJ		
Jack	KJT, JT(xxx)	JT8, JT9, KJT		
10	KT9, QT9, T9xx, Tx	KT9, QT9, T9xx, Tx		
9	9x, 987	987, 9x		
Hi-X	1-3-5	2nd highest in suit w/o honor		
Lo-X	1-3-5	pos attitude		

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

same

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	low enc, high dis	LH even	low enc, high dis
Suit 2	(LH even)		low even, high odd
3			
1	low enc, high dis	LH even	low enc, high dis
NT 2	(LH even)		low even, high odd
3			

Signals (including Trumps):

Lavinthal in clear situations where an other signal would be useless

(also when giving ruffs)

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Standard, may be (sub)minimum concerning HCP, but not very deviant from the shape required

t/o dbl in 4th pos may be light

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

support dbls and redoubles, up until partner is able to repeat his suit at the

two level

when we start with a value-showing (re)double, 2nd double takeout, subseq pen Anti-lead directing double when you have shown a 5+card suit yourself and the opponent bids it conventionally

W B F CONVENTION CARD

EVENT: World Championship U31 Teams Veldhoven 2023

PLAYERS: Joost Coenen & Adriaan Lucassen (Netherlands)

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Dutch Doubleton, 5 cards major, sometimes weak NT, 2/1 GF

24 strong, three weak twos

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

Transfers in competition when we open and you overcall on the 1 1-level, switch on the 2- and 3-level

Multi-defence versus 1NT

dbl = 1-suiter \clubsuit or 2-suiter \diamondsuit/\heartsuit , $2\clubsuit = 1$ -suiter \diamondsuit or 2-suiter \heartsuit/\spadesuit

etc., 2♠ = ♠+♦, 2NT=♣+♥ (other complex vs weak NT)

our weak twos may be 5 if NV 1st or 3rd pos

very aggressive/wide-ranged pre-empts in 3rd pos NV

Gazzilli; 1M-1 - 1M / 1NT: 2 - 1M is any 16 + M or 6M, 2M is M + - 1M,

2NT is 5-5 GF

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

none

IMPORTANT NOTES

after 1M: 2NT 10-13 fit, 3M-2 mixed raise 3M-1 fit any singleton

3M weak, 3NT void oM 4+M, 4x void x 4+M, 1 ♠-3♣ inv 6 ♥s

2-way cbs, including 2NT puppet to 3. (either to play there or

slaminv for opener's known suit)

PSYCHICS: rare

r CARDS							
OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1.	*	2	4♥	can be any 4432	1 ♦ any 0-6/nat+walsh/44MM <inv better="" bid<="" no="" td=""><td>1. -1 • -1 •: nat or any 12-14(14-16) bal</td><td>no inv min after dbl or overcall</td></inv>	1 . -1 • -1 •: nat or any 12-14(14-16) bal	no inv min after dbl or overcall
				5♦332 possible when 18-20	1M walsh, 1N 8-10, 2♣ 10+, 2♦ 6M/GF♦, 2M inv	1.4-1. →-1. NT: any (1.7-1.9)18-20 bal	switch/transfers in competition
1 🔷		(4)5	4♥	5+♦ or 4441♣ ± rule of 20	2♦ 10+, 3♦ 5-9, 2x inv jump shift (8-11)	after 1 ♦-2 ♦: 2♥ bal or 5422, 2♠/3♣ short	same
					3x pre-empt	2NT 18-19, 3♦ short ♥, 3x splinter	
1 🖤		5	4	± rule of 20	2NT 10-13 3+♥, 3♣ 7-9 4+crd ♥, 3♦ 9-14 4+♥	after 1M-2NT: 3♣ GF relay, 3♦ inv, 3M min,	1M (1/2x): 2NT 10-13 fit
					any singleton, 2♠ inv 3♥3♠ wk, 3NT 0♠ 4♥, 4x 0x 4♥	3NT offer to play, 4x splinter	2x 14+ fit
1♠		5	4♥	± rule of 20	2NT 10-13 3+♠, 3♣ inv 6crd ♥, 3♦ 7-9 4+crd ♠,	after 1M- 9-14 any singleton: 3M asks:	drury
					3♥ 9-14 4+♠ any singleton, 3♠ weak, 3NT 0♥4♠	first bid=minimum, then shortness up the line	switch/transfers in competition
						1M-1x-2♣: 12-15 6M or 16+ any, 2M isM+♣	
						2NT is GF 5-5. After 2♣: 2♦ any 8+, rest 5-7	
1 NT	*	(1)2	4♥	NV/V 1st/2nd, NV/NV 1st: 10-13	2♣ stayman but could be any invite, also with 5M/	1NT-2♦: 2M 4(bad 5)crd, denies 4 oM, 2NT	dbl t/o, Transfer-Lebensohl
				NV/V 3rd: 9-14 NV/V 4th: 11-14	6m, OR wk both majors, 2♦ GF stayman (or nat after	nothing, 3m 6crd, 3M good 5crd, 3NT 4–4 M	after penalty X: bid=tp, rdbl=inv+,
				5M/6m/5422/1 \(\dagger\)////////////////////////////////////	3rd/4th pos 1N) 2M/3x to play, 2NT inv, 4m slaminv 6M		pass=0-9 without 5crd or 10-11
INT		2	4♥	other: (14+)15-17, 6m / 5422	2♣ stayman relay, 2♦♥♠NT trf 3♣♦ both ms	after 4♣♦: the inbetween bid shows a nice	same
				/ 5M possible	weak/strong, 3♥♠ 1345,4♣♦ double trf slaminv M	hand for the suit being transferred to	
2*	*	0		unbal GF or 23+ bal	2♦ relay	2♣-2♦-2♥ is GF♥ or 25-26 NT or 29-30 NT	responder dbl of an overcall of 24
						2♠ asks	is penalty oriented
2 🔷		(5)6		weak two	new suit NF, 2NT asking	after 2NT: repeating suit is minimum, other	penalty doubles
				NV 1st 3rd pos may be 5crd		wise you bid your singleton, or 3NT without	
2♥		(5)6		same	same	BUT when the weak 2 may be 5crd: after	
						2NT: 3♣ min5, 3♦ min6, 3♥ max5, 3♠ max6	
2♠		(5)6		same	same	same	
2NT		(1)2		21-22, 5M/6m/5422/4441 pos	3♣ Italian puppet, 3♦♥ trf, 3♠ slaminv bothminors	after3♠: 3♦ 4M, 3♥ no 4M, 3♠ 5♠, 3NT 5♥	dbl t/o
				NV 1st/2nd: 20-22	3NT to play, 4x double transfer (slaminv for	after 4x: the inbetween bid shows a nice	
				Up- and downgrade allowed	♥♠♣♦)	hand for the suit being transferred to	
3♣		6			3♦ asking for 3crd M, new suit F but NV/V NF	3M is other 3-crd, 3NT no 3crd M, 4♣ both	
3♦♥♠		(6)7			new suit F but NV/V NF		
3NT	*	7		1st/2nd pos: gambling, solid 7crd	4/5♣ p/c, 4♦ SI asking for singleton, 4M to play		
				minor, no outside A/K, max 1			
				outside Q/J		HIGH LEVEL BID	DING
				3 rd /4 th pos: to pl no requirements		Mixed cues, RKC 14, 30, 25, 25+Q, 135+void, 024+(bid)void. Brink 4+	
4x		(6)7+				jump to 5x exclusion 3014	
4NT	*	0		asking for specific aces	5♣ 0 aces, 5x that ace, 5NT ♣A, 6♣ 2 aces	raise 4M to 5M asks about trump quality (or control in their suit if they bid exactly one)	