## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS
Agressive overcalls (just good suit can be enough)
the higher the level, more constructive we get
We use the switch principle in competitive bidding
Some situations we use transfers


## LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | 1/3/5 | $3^{\text {rd }}$, if supp $\underline{x} \times x$ |
| Notrump | 1/3/5 | same as above |
| Subsequent | low enc | low enc |
| Other: Can be strange card if creative lead |  |  |
| If $2^{\text {nd }}$ card is unreadable, we can lead top of nothing |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | AK+,Ax | AK+,AQJT,Ax |
| King | AK,KQ+,Kx | KQ+,AKJT,Kx |
| Queen | QJ+,KQ | QJ+,KQT9,Qx |
| Jack | KJT+,JT+,QJ | KJT+,JT+,Jx |
| 10 | Tx, KT9+,QT9+ | HT9+,Tx |
| 9 |  |  |
| Hi-X |  | MUD |
| Lo-X |  |  |

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | attitude | count | attitude |
| 2 Suit | SP | SP | present count |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 1 | same | as | above |
| 2 NT |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Signals: upside down atitude, std count
odd(+)/even(-) discards
SmithEco only second trick: leader: low I like the lead
partner: low I prefer a switch
Teo and Gregor play distribution signal on trumps: High show
EEEO
DOUBLES
TAKEOUT DOUBLES
Almost all low level doubles are takeout
We have either the correct distribution, extra HCP or smart rebid prepared
right shape take out dbl can be very light
We can make at most 2 takeout dbls per board
MISCELLANEOUS DOUBLES/REDOUBLES
in competition $\mathrm{dbl}=\mathrm{i}$ have extra strength
maximal dbl if no space
please don't lead my suit dbl

WBF CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: Bridge zveza Slovenije (BZS)
EVENT: EBL pair competition
PLAYERS: any pair of Hana Rus, Teo Kukuljan, Gregor Rus


## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

variable NT, special two level bids, 1M-2\& relay gf auction 5533, 1NT: 11-13 (NV and IV), 14-16 V
frequent upgrades and downgrades
agressive preempts and overcalls
transfers in some competitive situations
Switch principle in some competitive situations
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1M - (dbl): trf from 1NT; 2M-1 (very bad or limit raise)
(1x)-1y-p: trf from $2 x$ on
( 1 x )-1y-(dbl/1z): trf from 1NT on (2y-1: raise without honor) $1 \mathrm{x}-(1 \mathrm{y} / 2 \mathrm{y} / 3 \mathrm{y})$ : if z and w are unbid suits on same level, and $p$ is unpassed
then $2 \mathrm{z}=\mathrm{w}$ and $2 \mathrm{w}=\mathrm{z}$ (bellow game level)
XYZ after $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{y}-1 \mathrm{z}$ (silent opp)
$1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{y}-2 \mathrm{~N}$ strong hand (one suiter or three card support)
1M-2M (weak, can be Kxx and out) raise in M
After 1x - (1N): same defence as on weak NT
IF our NT gets dbl: rdbl = bussines, 2\%: or ANY two suiter
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
after we are in non fit invitation
after we are in GF situation

## IMPORTANT NOTES

We are not afraid to use judgment in any situation
Upgrades and downgrades possible
We ofter try to find passive lead
even if not the by the book card
PSYCHICS: Hana not, boys will be boys.


## Additional notes:

1. GF relay:

After 1M - 2\& (unopposed):


- $5=4$ then $5422,5413,5431,5440$ (if possible), $6=4$ then: high shortness, low shortness
- one suiter: high shortness or 7222 , middle shortness, 6322 , low shortness $5332,6331,7$ with singelton, 7 with void
- after shape, aces: $0 / 3,1 / 4,2$
- then in established suit order yes/no question for either $K$ or $Q$ in suit (two times in suit with $2+$, once in singelton)
- if relay is broken, natural bidding
- if overcall takes two bids or less, pass = relay; otherwise natural bidding

2. Switch principle

Some examples: $1 \mathrm{M}-(2 \boldsymbol{\wedge})-2 \diamond(\mathrm{oM}, 8+) ; 2 \mathrm{oM}(\diamond, 10+)$
(3\&)-3内-pass-4 $\diamond(=\diamond), ; 4 \bigcirc(=\diamond)$
1 N - $(3 \boldsymbol{2})-3 \diamond(=\mathrm{H})$, etc. etc
3. Transfers in competition

- $1 \mathrm{M}-(\mathrm{dbl}): 1 \mathrm{~N}$ to $2 \mathrm{M}-1$ (good raise in M$)$
- ( 1 x ) $-1 \mathrm{y}-(\mathrm{dbl} / 1 \mathrm{z}$ ): $\operatorname{trf}$ from 1 N (or dbl if 1 N by opp): trf to x , limit raise, $2 \mathrm{y}-1$ raise without top card, 2 y raise with top card

4. $2 \circlearrowleft$ opening and responess

2N asks:
$3 \boldsymbol{\$}$ any minimum (then $3 \diamond$ gf ask)
$3 \diamond 5-5$ min
3 M smolen max
3N 4-4 max
4@5-5 max, better $\Omega$
$4 \diamond 5-5$ max, better $\uparrow$
5. $2 \boldsymbol{2}-2 \diamond-2$ relay 2 N asks:
$3 \boldsymbol{\mathbf { \circ }}=\boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ (then $3 \diamond$ as bellow)
$3 \diamond=$ both majors (after $3 \triangle$ : 3 better $\Omega, 3 \mathrm{~N}$ better $\boldsymbol{~})$
$3 \varrho=$ 毋one suiter
$3 \boldsymbol{\phi}=\bigcirc+\diamond(4 \boldsymbol{\rho}=$ low suit, $4 \diamond=$ high suit $)$
$3 \mathrm{~N}=\rho+\boldsymbol{\beta}$

