## 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 *) $2 \star=$ MM
(1x) $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ 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) $3 \mathrm{~m}=\uparrow+$ om except when $1 *$ can be strong
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
$2 *=$ majors
$2 \bullet=$ 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. $1 \div$ 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
2NT = limit + raise, after 1 M (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 | T <br> A <br> O |
|  |  |


| Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3^{\text {rd }} \&$ low | $3^{\text {rd }} \&$ low + att after support |
| Attitude (very rarely may | Attitude |
| lead higher from J) | $1 / 3 / 5$ in unsupported suit | own unsupported suits, otherwise $3^{\text {rd }} /$ low ( + ATT after

support). $4^{\text {th }}$ 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 | HxxS HxxxS |
| Lo-X | HxS xxxxS xxS |  |

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 |
| NT 2 Low=even | Low $=$ even | Odd=enc at $1^{\text {st }}$ discard |
| 3 |  | Count |

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 $2 \boldsymbol{\square}$, 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: 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 $5+\uparrow$ 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
$1 \mathrm{M}-2 *=$ any limit (no fit)
$1 \wedge-1 N T=$ GF asking bid
$1 \bullet-1 \wedge=$ GF asking bid; $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-1 N T=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, \mathrm{NF}$;
$1 \downarrow-2 \downarrow=9-11+\boldsymbol{\text { raise}} 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=9-11+\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ raise
$1 \uparrow-2 \bullet=8-115 \downarrow$ or 0-11 6
2 M in $1^{\text {st }}$ position NV vs V may be very weak, $5+$ suit
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
n some cases double is invitational and pass asks for db

## TWO SUITERS

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

PSYCHICS: rare

|  | K | en | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1* | X | 0 | 15+ any distribution |  | $1 \star-1 \star+1 \downarrow=$ ART $18+1 \wedge$ may be canape | $\begin{aligned} & 1 *(1 \mathrm{M}) 2 \boldsymbol{2}=\mathrm{GF} \text { ART, } \\ & \text { some TRF's } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  | $1 \boldsymbol{\sim}=\boldsymbol{\vee}$ may have longer minor $1 \mathrm{NT}=12+$ bal $2 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ minors |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $2 \star=9-11$ bal $2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}=$ one suiter $2 \uparrow=3$-suiter short M |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $2 \mathrm{NT}+= \pm$ one suiter |  |  |
| $1 *$ | X | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 11-15,2+\text { crds } \\ & 3^{\text {rd }} \text { hand NV vs V: } 3+ \end{aligned}$ | $1 \checkmark \wedge$ NT respons may be very light $2 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ nat inv+ or bal GF no $4 \mathrm{M} 2 \boldsymbol{2}$ nat inv $+2 \boldsymbol{v}=5 \uparrow 4+$ inv $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 3 \mathrm{~m}=$ to play | $2 \wedge$ after $1 \vee$ is SPL, 2NT is one suiter 3crd support or inv raise short in ** |  |
| $1 v$ |  | 5 | (10)11-15 | $1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Relay GF $1 \mathrm{~N}=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ NF $2 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ any inv (no fit) |  |  |
|  |  |  | May contain $5+\uparrow 1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$ pos | PASS $=0-92 \bullet=9-11+\boldsymbol{r}$ raise $2 \boldsymbol{v}$ : weaker |  |  |
|  |  |  | $3^{\text {rd }}$ hand may be 4 crd | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ mixed raise $+3 \boldsymbol{A}=$ any SPL 3 NT $=\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ void |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ PRE |  |  |
| $1 \wedge$ |  | 5 | (10)11-15 | 1NT = Relay GF $2 *=$ any inv (no fit) |  |  |
|  |  |  | Denies $5+\bullet 1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$ pos | PASS $=0-92 \downarrow=9-11+\boldsymbol{A}$ raise $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ : weaker |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $2 \bullet=5 \vee(8-11 \mathrm{hcp})$ or $6 \downarrow$ ( $0-11 \mathrm{hcp}$ ) $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ mixed raise + |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $3 \mathrm{x}=$ PRE $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ any SPL $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void $4 \mathrm{v}=$ nat |  |  |
| INT NV vs V |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9-12 NV vs V } 1^{\text {st } \& ~ 2 ~} 2^{\text {nd }} \text { pos } \\ & 9-14 \mathrm{NV} \text { vs } 3^{\text {rd }} \text { pos } \end{aligned}$ | $2 *$ thru 2 NT : same as strong NT, see below $3 \mathrm{X}=$ to play $4 \boldsymbol{*}=$ MM $4 \bullet \boldsymbol{v}=$ Transfer | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT = TRF Lebenshohl, 3X= TRF, } \\ & \text { inv+ } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT |  |  | 15-17 <br> Possible 5M, 6m, 5422 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star=\text { STAY/relay } 2 \star \bullet \text { TRF } 4 \star \text { TRF } \\ & 2 \star=\text { a. inv for } 3 \mathrm{~N} \text { b. inv } \& \text { or c. GF } 5 \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{a} \text {. } \& \text { weak or strong b. GF } 5 \star 4 \\ & 3 \star=\text { weak or strong } 3 \star \bullet \uparrow=\text { SPL } 4 \star=\mathrm{MM} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 2* |  | 6 | 10-15 | $2 *=$ ART $2 \mathrm{M}=$ NF $3 \uparrow \vee \wedge=$ inv $2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{GF}$ or $55 \mathrm{MM} \mathrm{inv}+$ |  |  |
| 2 | X | 0 | 11-15, 3-suiter short * | 2NT = ART inv+ | $2 \bullet-2 \boldsymbol{*} ; 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4315$ |  |
| 2v |  | 6 (5) | $\begin{aligned} & 3-10 \\ & 0-9 \mathrm{NV} \text { vs V 1 }{ }^{\text {st }} \text { pos, often } 5 \mathrm{crd} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 2NT asks 3NS is NF when NV vs V |  |  |
| 2^ |  | 6 (5) | $3-10$ <br> $0-9 \mathrm{NV}$ vs V $1^{\text {st }}$ pos, often 5 crd | 2NT asks 3NS is NF when NV vs V |  |  |
| 2NT NV vs V | X |  | $5-10,55$ minors, NV vs V $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }} \& 3^{\text {rd }}$ pos | $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ ART relay $3 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=$ minor fit (inv or strong) |  |  |
| 2NT |  |  | $20-21 \mathrm{bal}$ | $3 *=$ puppet Stayman, TRF, $3 \wedge=$ minors, $4 \mathrm{X}=$ TRF |  |  |
| 3\% |  | 6 or 7 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos | $3 *=$ ASKS $3 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{M}$ is NF when NV vs V |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 or 7 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos | 3NS is NF when NV vs V |  |  |
| 3* |  | 6 or 7 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos | $3 \boldsymbol{\sim}$ is NF when NV vs V 4 $4 *=$ Key Card Asking |  |  |
| 3n |  | 6 or 7 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos | $4 *=$ Key Card Asking |  |  |
| 3NT | X |  | Solid minor, no outside A/K (in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos no requirements) | $4 *=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c} 4 *$ ask shortness ( $\rightarrow 4 \mathrm{~N}=$ short in om) | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 4* |  | 7 or 8 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos |  | RKCB 1430 DOPI DOPE |  |
| $4 *$ |  | 7 or 8 | 3-10 maybe weaker FAV or stronger in $3^{\text {rd }}$ pos |  | 4NT Optional Blackwood / RKC |  |
| 4 |  |  | Wide range | $4 n=$ nat |  |  |
| 4^ |  |  | Wide range |  | Last Train / Non serious 3NT |  |
| 4NT | X |  | minors |  | Dbl invites to bid in some situations |  |

