## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Overcalls (style, responses, $1 / 2$ level, reopening) Natural, sound on 2-level, light on 1-level, 5(4)+cards, 8+PC, then: a) $2 *$ is a cue bid w/o support (might have after $1 *$ opening) b) 2 of their suit is a cue bid with support
c) New suit on a 1 level is constructive, but not forcing


## LEADS AND SIGNALS

| Opening leads style: $2^{\text {nd } / 4} 4^{\text {th }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | 2/4 | 2/4 (3/5)* |
| NT | 2/4 | 2/4 (3/5)* |
| Subseq | 2/4 | 2/4 |
| Other: *in unsupported partner's suit we lead: $3 / 5, \mathrm{Xx}, \mathrm{xxX}$, etc. |  |  |
| Versus NT contract king is a strong lead, asking either for unblock or a count |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | AK+ | Asks for an attitude |
| King | AK, KQ(+), K(x) | Strong |
| Queen | $\mathrm{QJ}(+) ; \mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{x})$ | Asks for an attitude |
| Jack | J10(+), AJ10(+), KJ10(+) | Same |
| 10 | 10x, H10x, H109(+) | Same |
| 9 | H9x, 109+ | Pretty same, (maybe J98x) |
| Hi-X | HXx, $\mathrm{HxxXx}(+), \mathrm{xXx}+$ | Same |
| Lo-X | xX, HxxX | Pretty same (maybe 10xxX) |

## Signals in order of priority:

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| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | LOW = ENC | LOW = EVEN | Lavinthal |
| Suit | LOW = EVEN | S/P (standard) | LOW = EVEN |
| 3 | S/P (standard) |  |  |
| 1 | LOW = ENC | LOW = EVEN | Lavinthal |
| NT | LOW = EVEN | S/P (standard) | LOW = EVEN |
| 3 | S/P (standard) |  |  |
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Smith's Echo: LOW = ENC

DOUBLES
Takeout doubles (style, responses, reopening)
Double $=11+\mathrm{PC}$ (after Partner's pass, may be weaker with a good shape)

## Special, artificial, and competitive doubles and redoubles

| $1 \bullet-[1 \bullet]-\mathrm{x}=4+\vee,(7)+\mathrm{PC} \quad 1$ |
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| $1 \bullet-[1 \bullet]-\mathrm{x}=4+\boldsymbol{\star},(7)+\mathrm{PC}$ |
| We play support, lightner, and card-showing doubles. |
| We do SOS, card-showing, and $1^{\text {st }}$ class control redoubles. |
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| Opening | Art | No of cards | Neg dbl up to |  |  | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES |  |  |
| 1* |  | 2(+) | 4 - | $\begin{aligned} & 11-14 \text { PC BAL, or } 4441 \\ & 11-21-5+\star \text { or } 4441 \end{aligned}$ | $1 \star=0-6 \mathrm{PC}$ ANY, 7-11PC minor(s), or 16+PC, BAL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 *-1 *-1 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{NF}, 3+, 12-14 \mathrm{PC} \text { BAL } \\ & 1 *-1 *-1 \mathrm{NT}=18-19 \mathrm{PC}, \text { BAL } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 * |  | 4(+) | 4* | 11-21PC, 5+ ${ }^{\text {, or any } 4 * 441, ~}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, \text { nat, } 2 \star=\mathrm{GF}, \text { nat, } 2 \star=10+\mathrm{PC}, 4+\star, \text { no } 4 \mathrm{M}, \\ & 2 \downarrow=4(5) \downarrow, 5 \star \text {, weak, } 2 \star=6+\star, 9-11 \mathrm{PC}, \\ & 3 \star=\text { weak with } \downarrow \text {, or any strong splinter } 3 \star=\text { mixed raise } \end{aligned}$ | Double checkback |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5(+) | 4^ | 11-21PC, $5+$ - | ```\(1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 2 *=\) GF, semi nat, \(2 *=\) GF, nat, \(2 \uparrow=\) mixed raise, \(2 \mathrm{NT}=\operatorname{inv}, 3+\boldsymbol{*}\), or weak GF, \(3 * / \star=\) \(6+\infty / \star\), inv, \(3 \uparrow=\) support + any void, \(3 \mathrm{NT}=\boldsymbol{v}\) support \(+1 \boldsymbol{\star}, 4 \star / \star=\boldsymbol{v}\) support \(+1 \star / \star\)``` | Double checkback | Drury ( $2 \star$ shows interests) |
| 1^ |  | 5(+) | 4 - | 11-21PC, $5+\ldots$ | $1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 2 *=\mathrm{GF}$, semi nat, $2 *=\mathrm{GF}$, nat, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ inv, $3+\star$, or weak GF,or mixed raise $3 \star / \bullet / \bullet=6+\star / \bullet / \downarrow$, inv, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ support + any void, $4 \boldsymbol{\omega} / \downarrow / \nu=$ support $+1 \boldsymbol{\omega} / \downarrow / \varphi$ | Double checkback | Drury (2 shows interests) |
| 1NT |  |  | $4 \times$ | $14+-17 \mathrm{PC}$, can be little bit off-shape (5M, 6m, 54, stiff) |  |  |  |
| 2\% | X | 0 |  | FG any |  | $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \downarrow$ - H or $25+$ bal |  |
| 2 * | X | 0 |  | $3-10 \mathrm{PC}, 6+\vee / \curvearrowleft$ <br> on a 3 rd hand might be $5+\boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ pass/correct, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Relay, inv+, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ inv to 4 M , GF, $5+\star, 5+o t h e r$, or choice between $3 N T$ and 4 M $3 \star=\mathrm{GF}, 5+\star, 5+\mathrm{M}, 3 \bullet=$ preemptive, both supports, $3 \wedge=$ nat, partner can raise, $4 *=$ bid your suit by transfer (then passes are forcing), $4 \star=$ bid your suit directly |  |  |
| $2 \vee$ | X | 5(+) |  | 3-10PC, 5+ ${ }^{\text {and }} 5(4)+\boldsymbol{m} / *$ |  |  |  |
| 2^ | X | 5(+) |  | 3-10PC, 5+^ and 5(4)+ャ/* | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { Relay, } 3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { pass } / \text { correct, } 3 \star=\text { inv }+ \text { with } \downarrow, \\ & 3 \boldsymbol{\vee}=\text { inv to } 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, \text { better than through } 2 \mathrm{NT} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \min -3 \boldsymbol{v}=\mathrm{GF} \text { on } \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2^{\text {nd }} \text { minor }=\text { GF on minor } \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \min -3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{NF}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \min -4 \min =\mathrm{NF} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2NT |  |  | $4 \times$ | 19+-21PC | $3 *=$ puppet stayman, $3 \bullet / \boldsymbol{*}=$ transfers, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ minors, $4 \boldsymbol{\kappa} / \uparrow / \uparrow / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ transfer to $\uparrow / \uparrow / \boldsymbol{\star} / \star$, shows slam interests | $2 \mathrm{NT}-3 *-3 \wedge=$ at least one $4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ no4M, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \mathrm{NT}=5 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ <br> 2NT $-4 \star / \bullet-4 \bullet / \bullet=$ worse than $4 \bullet / 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ |  |
| 3* |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV | $3 \star=$ ask about shortnes, $3 \vee / \wedge=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{F} 1)$, nat, | $3 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \wedge-3 \vee-3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{NF}$, nat, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ partner might run, $4 \bullet / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ choice of games between 4 M and $5 \boldsymbol{\star}$ |  |
| 3 |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV | $3 \vee / \wedge=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{F} 1), 4 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ ask about shortnes | $3 \boldsymbol{\star}-4 \bullet 3 \bullet-4 \boldsymbol{*}, 3 \bullet-4 \boldsymbol{*}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$ - see below |  |
| $3 *$ |  | $6(+)$ |  | PRE, wide range NV | $3 \wedge=\mathrm{GF}$, | Answers are different, depending on a vulnerability |  |
| 3 n |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV |  |  |  |
| 3NT | X |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}=\text { Gambling }, \text { no side stop } \\ & 3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}=\text { just to play } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 4* = asks for shortness | $3 \mathrm{NT}-4 \bullet-5 * / \star=$ suit and short in the other minor |  |
| 4* |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV | 4* = Blackwood, 0-1-2 answers 4NT to play |  |  |
| $4 *$ |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV | $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play, $5 \star=$ Blackwood, $0-1-2$ answers | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 4 |  | $6(+)$ |  | PRE, wide range NV | 4NT = Blackwood | Blackwood, 1-0-2 or 0-1-2+Q |  |
| 4* |  | 6(+) |  | PRE, wide range NV | 4NT = Blackwood | Exclusion Blackwood (0-1-2), |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Asking for specific aces | 5* $=$ no ace, $5 \mathrm{NT}=$ two aces | PEDO (pass = even, double $=$ odd $)$ |  |

