DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level, Reopening) Sound at 2 -level (generally $10+$ ), could be good 4 -card suit at the 1-level (generally 6-17), either a good hand or good suit Responses: $1 / 1=\mathrm{F} 1,2 / 1=\mathrm{NF}, 2 / 2=\mathrm{F} 1$; jump raise $=$ pre-emptive; cue $=$ raise; $; 2 \mathrm{NT}=4+$ card raise for major, natural for minor; jump $=$ fit (or strong if no forcing bid available); double jump = splinter; bids at game-level = to play. Transfers after they double our 1M overcall. 1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd } / 4} 4^{\text {th }}$ Live, Responses, Reopening)
Direct $=(15) 16-18$, protective $=11-14$
Responses as after 1NT opener

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)
Direct: weak (generally 3-9 NV, 5-10 V, wide-ranging opposite a passed hand), $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ lowest two unbid suits (any range) Protective: intermediate (13-16, 6-card suit), $2 \mathrm{NT}=19-21$ balanced

DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Response, Reopen) Michaels ( $5 / 5+9+$ ): $(1 \mathrm{~m})-2 \mathrm{~m}=$ majors ( 2 NT is raise of $\mathbf{~}$, cue raise of $\uparrow$ ), ( 1 M ) $-2 \mathrm{M}=$ other major + minor (then $3 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 3 \mathrm{M}$ raise of oM) (1x)-3x = stopper ask
(1x)- $4 \mathrm{x}=$ hand too good to overcall $4 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{A}$, responses are $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}$
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak, Reopening, PH)
$\mathrm{X}=$ penalty when weak or $3^{\text {rd }}$ FAV. If they run, one take/out double,
then penalties. $\mathrm{X}=5 \mathrm{~m} 4 \mathrm{M}$ when $15+$, then $2=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 2=$ bid M
2* Majors ( $5+/ 4+$ ), then 2 equal preference, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ asking bid
$2 \star=6+\checkmark / \Delta$, then all major suit bids are $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ asking bid
$2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}$ and $4+\mathrm{m}$, then $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ enquiry, $3=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 3=$ good raise
2NT $=5+5+$ or big two-suiter (assume minors first)
$1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-(1 \mathrm{NT}) 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\boldsymbol{\varphi}+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ or $\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{m}, 1 \boldsymbol{*}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-2 \boldsymbol{*}=\boldsymbol{\varphi}+\boldsymbol{\star}$ VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT Bids)
X = take/out, then Lebensohl (FASS)
(2M)-3M $=$ stopper ask; $(2 \mathrm{~m})-3 \mathrm{~m}=$ majors
Leaping Michaels (F1): (2M)-4m = minor and other major and (3c)-
$4 \uparrow=$ s and a major, $(3 \mathrm{~m})-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ majors
(3x)-3NT: $4=$ range enquiry, $4 *$ signoff in any suit, others are natural slam tries
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2*
$\mathrm{X}=$ Majors, $1 / 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Minors. Use 1 NT as a UCB

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

XX $=9+$ sets up forcing pass up to 2 of opener's suit, new suit $=$ natural F1 (except $1 \boldsymbol{e}-(\mathrm{X})-1 \bullet / \boldsymbol{\omega}=4+\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ and $1 \mathrm{M}-(\mathrm{X})-1 \mathrm{NT} / 2 \mathrm{x}=$ Xfers), $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ good raise $(4+\mathrm{M})$ if $M$ opened, system on if m opened, jump to $2 \mathrm{M}=$ weak, jump to three-level = fit

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| NT | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| Subsequent | Low=like | Low=like |
| We may lead Q from a KQ sequence against | NT (King asks for unblock) |  |

We may lead Q from a KQ sequence against NT (King asks for unblock) Vs suits: Top of honours, but King (AK/KQ) for count at 5-level or higher LEADS

| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ace | AKx(...), A | AK, AKQ, AKJ |
| King | AK, KQ, AK(...) with stiff | AKJ10, KQJ, KQ10 |
| Queen | QJ | QJ10, QJ9, KQ, AQJ, AKQ |
| Jack | J10, KJ10 | J109, J108, A/KJ10 |
| 10 | 109, H109 | 109, H109 |
| 9 | $9 x$ | $9 x, H 98$ |
| Hi-X | xXx(x...) | xXx(x...) |
| Lo-X | HxX, HxxX, HxxXx... | HxX, HxxX, HxxXx... |

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Low=encouraging | Low=odd | Low=encouraging |
| Suit 2 | Low=odd | Suit preference | Low=odd |
| 3 | Suit preference |  | Suit preference |
| 1 | Low=encouraging | Low=odd | Low=encouraging |
| NT 2 | Low=odd | Suit preference | Low=odd |
| 3 | Suit preference |  | Suit preference |
| Signals |  |  |  |

## Signals (including Trumps):

High-low in trumps asks for ruff. If not possible, sometimes suit preference
Smith Peters (low encourages led suit) vs NT from both sides
DOUBLES
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)
Takeout doubles in direct seat generally show light opening values+
Responsive doubles to 4a
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

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Game Try Doubles, Lightner Doubles, Competitive doubles, Lead-directing doubles, no support doubles or redoubles, 12-1R-(X): $1 \mathrm{M}=3 \mathrm{M} 12-14$
$1 \boldsymbol{*}-(1 \boldsymbol{*})-\mathrm{X} / 1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ no major, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ majors


1NT-(X)-XX = five-card suit, $\mathrm{P}=$ to play, $2 \mathrm{x}=$ natural with higher suit
1NT-(2y-nat)-X = T/O, 1NT-(2y-art)-X = values to raise to 2NT+
SOS redoubles after they have tried to penalise partner's overcall

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Making a forcing pass then pulling a double shows a strong hand
W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: Green

NCBO: England
PLAYERS: Eshan Singhal and Ben Norton EVENT:

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
$5 \mathrm{cM}, 1 *=2+, 1 \star=4+($ unbal or 12-14/18-19 bal with 5$)$
2/1GF
1NT = 15-17
3 weak twos
Transfers over 1\& opening
$\square$

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
1X-2Y = Weak (4-8)
1Y-3X = Intermediate (9-11)
$1 \star / \mathbf{\omega} / \mathbf{- 1 N T}=$ Semi-Forcing 5-11
Transfers over 1\& opening
Transfers after they double our 1M opening/overcall

## IMPORTANT NOTES

FASS Lebensohl after interference over 1NT, after a takeout double of a weak/multi two and after (1M)-P-(2M)-X Stayman sequences over 1NT often don't promise a 4-card major All fourth-suit-forcing is GF (by passed hand forcing to 2NT)

## PSYCHICS: rare

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { y } \\ & \sum_{i}^{2} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 侖 | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 180 |  | 2 | 4 | 10-21 unbalanced or 12-14 balanced (no $5 \star / 5 \mathrm{M}$ ) or 18-19 balanced (no $5 \star / 5 \mathrm{M}$ ) | $1 / \mathbf{~}=4+\mathbf{\Delta} / \mathbf{A}, 1 \mathbf{\Delta}=5+$ bal or weak/invite with minor(s), $1 \mathrm{NT}=5+\mathrm{GF}, 2 \boldsymbol{2}=\mathrm{GF}, 2 * / \mathbf{*}=$ weak $5-8,2 \mathrm{NT}$ $=0-5$ raise, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ pre-empt |  $18-19 \mathrm{bal}, 1-1 \mathrm{c}: 1 \mathrm{NT}=12-14 / 2 \mathrm{NT}=18-19$ $1 *-1 N T / 2 *-2 * / 4=12-14$ balanced | Same as non-passed hand, $2 \mathrm{M}=$ weak |
| 1* |  | 4 | 4 | 10-21 unbalanced or 12-14/18-19 balanced with 5 | $1 \mathrm{NT}=5-11,2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ natural GF, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=10+, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ weak $5-8,2 \mathrm{NT}=0-5$ raise, $3 \boldsymbol{e}=$ intermediate $9-11,3=$ preemptive, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ pre-empt | 1 -1M: $1 \mathrm{NT}=12-145 / 2 \mathrm{NT}=18-195$ | Same as non-passed hand, $2 \mathrm{M}=$ weak |
| 1* |  | 5 | 4 | 10-21 | $1 \mathrm{NT}=5-11$ semi-forcing, $2 \mathrm{~m}=$ natural $\mathrm{GF}, 2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ <br>  $=$ intermediate $9-11,3=4+$ hearts $10-11$, splinters | 3-Way Checkback over $1 \mathbf{- 1} \boldsymbol{\wedge}$-1NT, $1 \mathbf{~ - ~}$ <br> 2NT-3 $=$ minimum, $3=15+$ no shortage, <br> $3 \mathbf{~} / \mathbf{\Delta} / \mathrm{NT}=15+$ shortage up line, $4 \boldsymbol{*} / \stackrel{5}{6}-5$, <br> $1 \mathbf{V}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ can be 53 if $14-15$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{q}=\text { good 3-card raise } \\ & 2=\text { good } 4+\text { card raise } \\ & 3 \boldsymbol{\text { pre-emptive }} \\ & \text { fit jumps, splinters past } 3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 |  | 5 | 4 | 10-21 | $1 \mathrm{NT}=5-11$ semi-forcing, $2 \mathrm{x}=$ natural GF, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ $3+$ spades $5-9,2 \mathrm{NT}=4+$ spades GF, $3 \mathbf{/} / \mathbf{/}=$ intermediate $9-11,3=4+$ spades $10-11$, splinters | Same as 1v | $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ good 3-card raise <br> $2 \bullet=\operatorname{good} 4+$ card raise <br> $3 \mathbf{A}=$ pre-emptive <br> fit jumps, splinters past 3a |
| 1NT |  |  |  | 15-17, can include 5M/6m | $2 \boldsymbol{\omega}=$ non-promissory Stayman, $2 \boldsymbol{*} / \mathbf{/} / \mathrm{NT}=$ transfers, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=5$-card Stayman, $3 * 5 / 5$ minors GF, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ splinter: $13(54), 4 \mathbf{\Delta} / \boldsymbol{\mathrm { s }}$ = transfer to $\mathbf{\varphi} / \mathbf{\Delta}, 4 \mathbf{\varphi} / \mathbf{\Delta}=$ to play | Smolen Stayman, 1NT-2 $\downarrow / \mathbf{~}-3 / / \mathbf{\Delta}=4 \mathrm{M}$ min, suit $=4 \mathrm{M}$ nat max, $1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \boldsymbol{s} / 2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{s} / \boldsymbol{\operatorname { c i t }}$, 1NT-3 - $3=$ no 5 M (then $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{oM}$ ) | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2* | X |  |  | 22-24bal/GF | $2 \star=$ Relay/waiting bid, $2 \boldsymbol{*} / \Delta / 3 / \star=$ natural positive $2 \mathrm{NT}=8-10$ scattered | $2-2-22-24$ balanced or hearts GF (then $2 \boldsymbol{a s k s} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors $/ 3 \mathrm{~m}=$ to play), $2-2-2 N T=25-27$ balanced | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2 |  | 5 |  | Weak (4-9ish) | $2 \mathrm{M}=$ natural constructive, $\mathrm{NF}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ high-card feature ask, $3 \boldsymbol{n}=$ natural $\mathrm{F} 1,3 \mathrm{M}=$ natural GF | $2-2 \mathrm{NT}: 3 / \mathbf{~} / \boldsymbol{\Delta}=$ Ace or King of that suit, $3 \downarrow=$ no feature, $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{AQJxxx}+$ | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2 |  | 5 |  | Weak (4-9ish) | $2 \wedge=$ nat $\mathrm{NF}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ feature ask, $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ nat F1, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{GF}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{V}-2 \mathrm{NT}$ : as above, $3 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ no feature |  |
| 2. |  | 5 |  | Weak (4-9ish) | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ feature ask, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ nat $\mathrm{F} 1,4 \mathrm{~m}=$ splinter | $2 \mathrm{~A}-2 \mathrm{NT}$ : as above, $3 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ no feature |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20-21, can include 5M/6m | $3 \boldsymbol{*}=4$-card Stayman, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ transfers, $3 \boldsymbol{\omega}=$ minor suit Stayman, $4 \mathbf{*} / \mathbf{\phi} / \mathbf{\varphi} / \mathbf{\Delta}=\mathbf{\varphi} / \mathbf{\Delta} / \mathbf{\alpha} / \boldsymbol{*} 6+$ cards (Two-under transfers) | 2NT-3-3-3M $=4 \mathrm{M} 5 \mathrm{oM}$, completing transfer shows 3 , break $=4+3$ NT $=2$; 2NT- <br>  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3* |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive (3-10) | New suit = natural GF, 4 = slam try in * |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3 |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive (3-10) | New suit = natural GF, $4 \boldsymbol{\sim}=$ slam try in $\bullet$ |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| $3 \times$ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive (3-10) | New suit = natural GF, $4 \boldsymbol{=}$ slam try in $\varphi$ |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3. |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive (3-10) | New suit = natural GF, 4 = slam try in |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3NT | X |  |  | Gambling solid m, little else | $4 \boldsymbol{*}=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 4 \bullet=$ shortage ask, $4 \boldsymbol{\vee} / \boldsymbol{\Delta}=$ to play | 3NT-4 : $5 \mathrm{~m}=$ short in other minor | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4* |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to play, others are cue-bids |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4 |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to play, others are cue-bids |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4 |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | 4 $\boldsymbol{=}$ = to play, others are cue-bids |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4, |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | New suits are cue-bids |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Specific ace ask | $5 \boldsymbol{*}=$ none, $5 \boldsymbol{*} / \mathbf{/} / 6 / 6=$ ace of that suit, $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$ |  | Same as non-passed hand |
| 5* |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 5 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive |  | 1430 RKCB. 3041 when Keycard ask is Exclusion ( $5 \mathrm{X}+1$ RKCB when past 4NT) |  |
| 5 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive |  | Italian Cues + Non-serious 3NT; 4NT encouraging in minor-suit slam auctions |  |
| 54 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive |  | Specific King Ask |  |

