

The Joys & Perils of Preempting (Part 3)

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1 The “Undisciplined” Weak 2 Bid:

- 1.1 The details for weak 2's are specified in the bottom right of the front of the card.
- 1.2 Almost all pairs agree on a range of 5-10 high-card points.
- 1.3 Some relax the requirement for five pieces, especially not vulnerable or 3rd seat.
- 1.4 Advantage of being undisciplined: MUCH more disruptive.

2 Raise with support:

- 2.1 If you have three or four pieces, the corollary to the LAW says that you should raise. This is called “extending the preempt.”
- 2.2 This process is, of course, much less reliable if partner might have only five pieces.

3 The forcing 2NT response:

- 3.1 Most pairs using undisciplined weak 2's also uses 2NT as “Ogust.”
- 3.2 The purpose is to determine opener's strength and suit quality. Works best for game tries or slam tries in partner's suit.
- 3.3 Most common responses:
 - 3.3.1 3♣: At most one of AKQ of trump; bottom half of range.
 - 3.3.2 3♦: Two of AKQ of trump; bottom half of range. “Diamonds suit me.”
 - 3.3.3 3♥: At most one of AKQ of trump; top half of range.
 - 3.3.4 3♠: Two of AKQ of trump; top half of range.
 - 3.3.5 3NT: AKQ of trump.
- 3.4 Example: Partner opens 2♠. You hold ♠xxx ♥KQx ♦x ♣AKQxxx. 4♠ looks like a good bet unless opener has a real dog.
- 3.5 Warning: Don't bid 2NT if you fear opener might bid past the suit at the 3-level.
- 3.6 Ogust does not work well for 3NT. Enter Two-Way(vada) Ogust. Use 2NT for Ogust and 3♣ to ask for a feature. Opener could rebid 3NT to show a club feature.

Dir: S		15
Vul: N-S	♠ Q42	
	♥ KJ94	
8	♦ 8	
8 19	♣ Q8652	
5		
♠ AJ10973	♠ K	
♥ Q10	♥ A8765	
♦ J10943	♦ AK72	
♣ -	♣ AJ7	
	♠ 865	
	♥ 32	
	♦ Q65	
	♣ K10943	
<u>Double Dummy Makes</u>		
NS: 2♣ 1♥ 3♠ 2NT 4		
EW: 6♦ 3/4♥ 5♣ 2NT 5		
Par Score		
-920 6♦-EW		

4 Responding in a new suit:

4.1 Forcing or not?

4.2 Playing non-forcing allows responder to override opener and play at the two-level. This is alertable.

4.3 Playing forcing allows responder to get more information out of opener, who will rebid his suit if he/she has nothing to say.

4.4 Which is better?

5 Looking for slam:

5.1 4♣ response can be played as key-card Gerber.

5.2 Responses: 4♦: 0 key cards; 4♥: 1 without queen of trump; 4♠: 1 with queen; 4NT: 2 without queen; 5♣: 2 with queen.

6 If the opponents double in the direct seat:

6.1 You can play conventions and forcing/not forcing are still on.

6.2 Many top players use the McCabe Adjunct (alertable):

6.2.1 A new suit is always forcing.

6.2.2 It shows at least tolerance (two pieces) for partner's suit and is lead-directing.

6.2.3 Some play transfers – bid one suit less than the suit that you want led.

6.3 SOS?

Next week: Defending against weak 2 bids