# The Joys & Perils of Preempting (Part 3)

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# 1 The "Undisciplined" Weak 2 Bid:

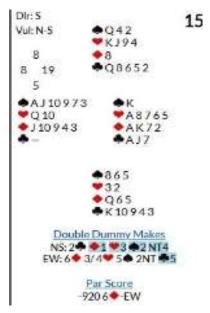
- 1.1 The details for weak 2's are specified in the bottom right of the front of the card.
- 1.2 Almost all pairs agree on a range of 5-10 high-card points.
- 1.3 Some relax the requirement for five pieces, especially not vulnerable or 3<sup>rd</sup> seat.
- 1.4 Advantage of being undisciplined: MUCH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



# 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:  $4 \cdot : 0$  key cards;  $4 \cdot : 1$  without queen of trump;  $4 \cdot : 1$  with queen;  $4 \cdot : 1$  with queen;  $4 \cdot : 1$  with queen;  $4 \cdot : 1$  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 <u>always forcing</u>.
  - 6.2.2 It shows at least tolerance (two pieces) for partner's suit and is <u>lead-directing</u>.
  - 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