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Opener's Rebids

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General

"Prepared Rebid" – Plan second bid before making first one.

We think about what partner is likely to respond (often our shortest suit) and make a plan for what to do if that happens. If we cannot come up with a good rebid, then we consider a different opening bid.

Rebids with Balanced Hands

- 1NT Rebid 12-14 pts, Balanced
 - 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT Could Opener have 4-card ♠?
- 2NT Rebid 18-19 pts, Balanced
 - 1♣ - 1♥ - 2NT Opener could have 4-card ♠!
- Responder bids 1NT
 - 2NT shows 18-19 pts even if not a jump if Responder could have 6 pts (1♦ - 1NT – 2NT).
 - Problem rebid by opener when playing 1NT Forcing when Opener has balanced 12-14 points (Semi-Forcing fix)

Rebids with Unbalanced Hands

1-Suited Hands

- 12 to 14+ pts, 6+cards (small) – Rebid cheaply
- Good 15 to 17+, 6+cards (medium) – Jump Rebid
- 18-19 pts with 6+card suit is a problem hand – "Lie with Jump Shift."

2-Suited Hands (or 3-Suited Hands)

- *Shift by Opener* -- 12-17 pts bid second suit cheaply (2-level), wide-ranging bid.

1♥ 1♠
2♦

1♣ 1♥
1♠

- With 16-17 pts show maximum with 3rd bid.

1♥ 1♠
2♦ 2♥
2♠

1♠ 1NT
2♦ 2♠
3♦



More Opener Rebids – Is it Forcing

A general rule is that when Responder makes an invitational 2NT bid, Opener passes with a minimum hand. But with additional shape Opener can bid a minor to make a corrective bid (trying to find a partscore that will make), and Opener can bid a Major to show more Major suit shape and accept the invitation (a Major suit is forcing in these auctions).

Examples

1♠ 1NT

2♦ 2NT

3♦

Non-Forcing! 5-5 distribution and minimum values. Pass or correct to 3♠.

1♠ 1NT

2♦ 2NT

3♠

Game-Forcing! 6-4 shape with extra values. Choice of Games – 3NT or 4♠.

1♦ 2NT

3♣

Non-Forcing! At least 5/4 in minors and minimum values. Pass or correct to 3♦.

1♦ 2NT

3♥

“Worry Ask”. Game Forcing. Shortness in suit bid (if suit higher ranking than primary suit).

3-1-5-4 with extra values (or similar hand type).

Opener Forced to Make a Difficult Rebid

1♣ 1♠ X P

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With a balanced 12-14 points, no new 4-card suit to bid, and no ♠ stopper, Opener must rebid 1NT.

When forced to make a rebid 1NT does not promise a stopper!

Advanced Topics – Support Doubles, Scrambling 2NT

