

Who started this? It's not new!

- Harold Vanderbilt in 1925
- Strong 2 bids are so rare, better uses for 2D, 2H, 2S bids

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Goals of Weak 2 Bid

- Preempt the opponents, opening salvo
- Burn up bid space
- Make opponents guess
- Suggest an opening lead

Ideally without damaging partner

Rules

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- Bridge teachers disagree
- Classic writings disagree
- It's all about partnership agreements

The Issues

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Suit quality? Suit length? Outside aces?

Point range? **Vulnerability?** Team vs pair?

Voids?

Who are the opponents?

Other 4 card major?

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Must have 2 of top 3 honors Always a 6 card suit

Aggressive:

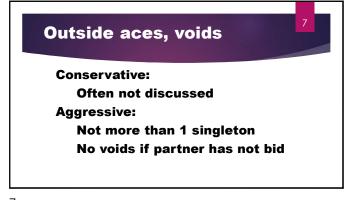
Conservative:

Often only 1 honor Might be 5 or 7 cards

Suit quality and length?

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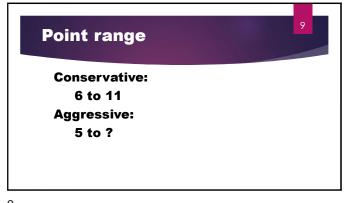
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Other 4 card major

Conservative:
 Often not discussed
Aggressive:
 Reluctant if partner has not bid

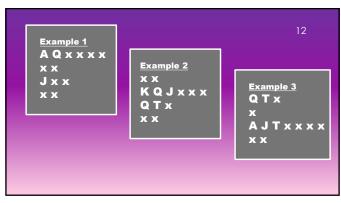
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Conservative:
Often not discussed
Aggressive:
Push if white on red

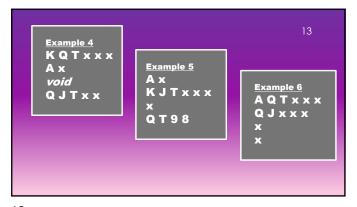
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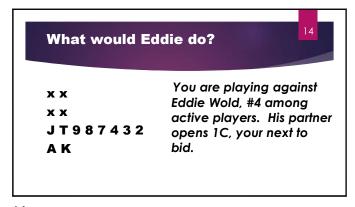




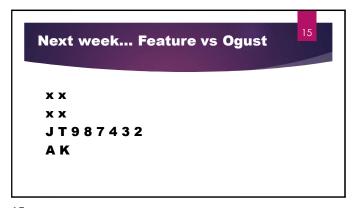
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