

Stamford Bridge Club

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**Weak Two Bids in Benji Acol
& Ogust Responses**

A Brief Recap

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Opening 2♥ and 2♠ show:

5-9 high card points

6card suit of “reasonable” quality

(e.g. Q 10 9 x x x **OK**
J 8 5 6 4 3 **Not OK**)

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Have regard for the following:

**HCPs in the longer suits, particularly the bid
suit, an asset**

Not 4cards in the other major

**Be careful if holding a void or two aces
(makes hand more/too powerful)**

**Usual shapes (which partner will mentally
place you with) 6331 or 6322 or 6421 (last
with a 4card minor)**

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Why are these bids useful?

Frequent

**(e.g. hands in the range 5-9 are 10 times
more likely than 18-21 hands)**

Closely defined

**Partner can quickly assess where we are
going (may assist greatly in reaching game)**

Preemptive

**We force the opponents to start bidding at a
level higher than they would like.**

**That increases the possibility of their being
at the wrong level or in the wrong suit. We
might find a profitable sacrifice.**

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The important (and most frequent) sequences are:*

2major – 3major
(preemptive) and

2major – 2 no trumps
(14+, game invitational, or better,
usually with support for the
major)

*apart from Pass and blasting 4major

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So ...

2major – 3major

As this is preemptive opener **should not**
raise to game

Generally 3-4card support (occasionally 2)

Fewer than invitational values (so lighter
than a good 14 count)

Stretch to make this bid but be wary of the
vulnerability

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2major – 2N

Opener makes codified responses.

We break our HCPs down to two sub-ranges
5-7 (**minimum**) and 8-9 (**maximum**)

We break the quality of our major suit down
to:

Poor – not two of the top three honours

Good – two of the top three honours (so A K,
A Q or K Q)

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This gives us these responses to 2N:

3♣ **Min.** HCPs (5-7) & **poor** quality suit

3♦ **Min.** HCPs (5-7) & **good** quality suit

3♥ **Max.** HCPs (8-9) & **poor** quality suit

3♠ **Max.** HCPs (8-9) & **good** quality suit

3N A K Q x x x in the major (rare as hen's
teeth)

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... and so to work