

OPENER'S REBID

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| 1. A62 You open 1 club KQ10 Partner responds AJ8 1 Spade 10954 _____ | 9. AKQJ2 You open 1 Spade AKJ4 Partner responds J32 1 NT 7 _____ |
| 2. Q876 You open 1 Diamond AK2 Partner responds K10974 1 NT 6 _____ | 10. J107 You open 1 Club 3 Partner responds AQJ7 1 Heart AKQ102 _____ |
| 3. AJ5 You open 1 Club KQ7 Partner responds K43 1 NT AQ96 _____ | 11. AK1054 You open 1 Heart KQ9862 Partner responds A4 1 NT Void _____ |
| 4. K6 You open 1 Heart AKJ864 Partner responds J108 1 NT A2 _____ | 12. K9 You open 1 Club AQ72 Partner responds AQ 1 Spade KJ754 _____ |
| 5. AQJ2 You open 1 Diamond KQ94 Partner responds AK3 1 Heart 74 _____ | |
| 6. KJ You open 1 Diamond K872 Partner responds AJ10965 1 Spade 2 _____ | |
| 7. KJ You open 1 Diamond K872 Partner responds AJ1096 1 Spade J2 _____ | |
| 8. KQJ9754 You open 1 Spade AK2 Partner responds K2 1 NT 3 _____ | |

Some hands go down in value, and some go up. Does partner know the whole story of this hand from my opening bid, or do I have more to tell?

What's forcing? What's non-forcing? What's invitational? It's important to know which bids are limited and which are not. With a minimum, limit your hand properly... Don't get hung up on conventions.

Tips on being competitive in the bidding:

- a. Hand evaluation
- b. Judgement, importance of shape
- c. Re-evaluating your hand when the opponents are bidding

Whenever you can show your shape, it allows partner to judge which of their cards are working. That's why I recommend you play Jacoby 2NT and splinters.

If responder is going to jump (in a suit) on his first bid, he needs to know 2 things:

- a. What the trump suit is going to be, and
- b. That the partnership might have values for at least a small slam, 33+ points.

Always plan a second bid before you choose a first. The best bid available is often the least bad alternative.

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| | A94 | Dealer – 1 NT | | |
| | 64 | 2 Hearts | | |
| | AKQ64 | Pass | | |
| | Q86 | | | |
| 8753 | | | J62 | Pass |
| AKJ | Pass | | 983 | Pass |
| 873 | Pass | | 95 | Pass |
| K73 | | | A9542 | |
| | KQ10 | | | |
| | Q10752 | | | |
| | J102 | 2 Diamonds (transfer) | | |
| | J10 | 3 NT | | |

Partner leads the 4 of clubs, dummy plays the 10, you win the trick with the King of clubs. What do you lead at trick 2 and why?
