

THE CASE for DRURY

Drury promises a hand in the family of a limit raise. If opener has a lousy hand, he rebids his major and that ends the bidding.

Opener can rebid 2 diamonds to say, "I have a full opener but can't bid game on my own, a hand that wouldn't go to game opposite a limit raise."

As with most conventions you give something up, which is a natural 2 club response. With a club suit as a passed hand, bid 1NT or 2NT.

Let's try a few practice hands. You open 1 spade in 3rd seat, left hand opponent passes and partner bids 2 clubs, which is alertable.

What is your rebid:

1. AK7643 10 KQJ7 84
2. AKQ75 Q65 863 94
3. AQ984 K5 Q109 AQ6

I play that Drury is on if the opponents interfere in the auction, off if they overcall 1NT.

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| | | Q54 | DEALER - Pass | | |
| | | AJ104 | | 2 Clubs (Drury – Alert) | |
| | | J87 | | Pass | |
| | | Q94 | | | |
| A102 | | | | J3 | Pass |
| K | Pass | | | Q986 | Pass |
| 5432 | Pass | | | KQ1096 | Pass |
| K8763 | | | | J10 | |
| | | K9876 | | | |
| | | 7532 | 1 Spade | | |
| | | A | 2 Spades | | |
| | | A52 | | | |

What do you bid as North? The answer is to bid 2 clubs, Drury. If opener has a big hand, he can bid game or make a slam try. If opener has a bad hand, he bids 2 spades. If opener has an opening hand and wouldn't go to game opposite a L.R., they rebid 2 diamonds.

QJ43 DEALER – 1 Diamond
 AQ94 Pass
 KJ9
 109

K7 9852
 107532 Pass J Pass
 Q74 10852 Pass
 J73 AK62

A106
 K86 Your Bid?
 A63
 Q854

Your bid is 3NT. Shows 13-15 HCP, and denies a 4 card major. West is on lead. I would lead a heart, but not 4th best. I would lead the 7 or the 5, shows length, but not strength. If you had good heart strength, lead the 3 of hearts.

AJ86 DEALER – 1 Heart
 AJ974 4 Hearts
 A5
 62

KQ75 10943
 65 Double K2 Pass
 K643 Asks for spade lead J1097 Pass
 J85 Pass K94

2
 Q1083 3 Spades (Splinter, 4 trump.
 Q82 singleton or void in spades
 AQ1073 Pass

Splinter bid shows shortness, at least 4 trump, strength for game, helps partner to evaluate his hand for slam. North has no slam interest and signs off in game. If you don't play splinters, your bid is 2 clubs, and over partner response, jump to game in spades.

You're not forced to lead a spade. Partner's double shows spades and suggests a spade lead. I don't think dummy's singleton spade is going anywhere, I would lead the J of diamonds. Partner suggested the lead, isn't forcing you to lead it.
