

## OPENING WEAK 2'S

VULNERABILITY – FACTOR TO CONSIDER IS THE VULNERABILITY, BUT WE SHOULD NOT JUST FOCUS ON OUR VULNERABILITY, THE VULNERABILITY OF THE ENTIRE TABLE IS IMPORTANT. THERE ARE 4 KINDS OF VULNERABILITY

1. FAVORABLE (WE'RE NONVUL, THEY'RE VUL) CAN BE AGGRESSIVE
2. NO ONE VUL, CAN BE AGGRESSIVE
3. BOTH VUL, CONSERVATIVE
4. UNFAVORABLE (WE'RE VUL, THEY'RE NONVUL) MOST CONSERVATIVE

TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES TO DOING A RISK/REWARD ANALYSIS (TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW AGGRESSIVE TO BE) ARE OUR POSITION AT THE TABLE AND OUR VULNERABILITY.

IF THE AUCTION BEGINS WITH 2 PASSES, AND WE'RE CONSIDERING MAKING A PRE-EMPTIVE BID IN 3<sup>RD</sup> SEAT, WE'RE FREE TO THINK LESS CONSTRUCTIVELY AND MORE TACTICALLY.

1 <sup>ST</sup> OR 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEAT, YOU HOLD:	AKJ1073	542	9376	VOID	OPEN 2 SPADES
1 <sup>ST</sup> OR 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEAT, YOU HOLD:	KJ10732	542	A3	76	OPEN 2 SPADES
1 <sup>ST</sup> OR 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEAT, YOU HOLD:	1097432	A42	J3	K6	PASS
1 <sup>ST</sup> OR 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEAT, YOU HOLD:	KQJ1064	54	93	762	OPEN 2 SPADES

A WEAK 2 BID SERVES 2 IMPORTANT PURPOSES. IT CAN BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND IT CAN BE OBSTRUCTIVE. BY MAKING A WEAK 2 BID, YOU'RE DESCRIBING YOUR HAND TO HELP PARTNER TO DECIDE HOW HIGH TO BID AND WHAT SUIT TO COMPETE IN. ALSO HELPS PARTNER TO KNOW WHAT TO LEAD.  
INTERFERE WITH THE OPPONENT'S BIDDING (OBSTRUCTIVE)

I WILL OPEN A WEAK 2 WITH A VOID. IN 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEAT, I WON'T IF I HAVE A GOOD 4 CARD MAJOR (J10xx)

DO NOT PREEMPT A PREEMPT.

RESOURCE – THE BIDDING TOOLKIT, WEAK CAN BE STRONG, PART 1, PART

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RESPONDER HAS A GOOD HAND AND IS INTERESTED IN GETTING TO GAME? RESPONDER NEEDS A MECHANISM TO INVESTIGATE. WE "ALL" USE 2NT AS SUCH A MECHANISM. IN RESPONSE TO A WEAK 2 BID, WE ALL "KNOW" THAT 2NY ASKS FOR A FEATURE, BUT IT DOESN'T, 2 NT REALLY ASKS "ARE YOU ON THE TOP OF YOUR PREEMPT RANGE (USUALLY 6-10 H.C.P. OR ON THE BOTTOM).

1. EXAMPLE: YOU OPEN 2 SPADES WITH: KQJ543 82 76 K43  
PARTNER BIDS 2 NT ASKING, YOU BID 3 CLUBS SAYING, " I'M AT THE TOP OF MY RANGE WITH AN HONOR CARD IN CLUBS."

2. EXAMPLE: YOU OPEN 2 SPADES WITH: QJ10543 82 76 K43  
PARTNER BIDS 2 NT ASKING, YOU SHOULD BID 3 SPADES," I'M AT THE BOTTOM OF MY PREEMPT RANGE"

THAT'S WHAT PARTNER'S ASKING, TOP OF RANGE SHOW A FEATURE  
BOTTOM OF THE RANGE, REBID YOUR SUIT.

		AJ10932		OPENER	
		1092		2 SPADES	
		K74			
		7			
8				Q7	
AK874				QJ6	
A98	???			62	PASS
AQJ2				K98643	
		K654			
		53		4 SPADES	
		QJ1053			
		105			

CONTINUE THE PREEMPT, DIFFICULT FOR OPPONENTS TO GET TO SLAM

		75		OPENER 2 HEARTS
		KJ10864		
		KJ		
		965		
Q108				963
93	PASS			Q75 PASS
Q432				A1075
A874				J32
		AKJ42		
		A2		
		986	4 HEARTS	
		KQ10		

**CONTINUE THE PREEMPT – BIDDING TO MAKE**

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		10		OPENER 2 HEARTS
		KJ10964		
		873		
		A65		
87532				AK64
82	PASS			75 PASS
Q105				962
KJ7				Q1083
		QJ9		
		AQ3		
		AKJ4	4 HEARTS	
		942		

**BID GAME TO MAKE A SPADES LEAD- OPPONENT PLAYS THE 2 – CLUB SWITCH  
HOW DO YOU PLAY THIS HAND TO MAKE 4 HEARTS???**

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**PARTNER OPENS 2 SPADES – YOU HOLD: 5 AQ1075 Q84 AK63  
PASS TO YOU – WHAT DO YOU BID??**

**PARTNER OPENS 2 DIAMONDS – YOU HOLD: 5 AQ1075 Q84 AK63  
PASS TO YOU\_ WHAT DO YOU BID??**