

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Opening bid of 2S **in** 1st/2nd/3rd **seats at** all vulnerabilities

Shows: A weak hand with either both black suits or both red suits

Detailed Description:

Shows at least 5/5. 5-10 NV, 6-11 vul, can be a little lighter if 6/5. No promises regarding suit quality.

At unfavourable: if holding the red suits then at least 6/5 distribution is promised.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid? Vul: usually own suit, or e.g.

2S 1-2C staying low opposite 5S5C. NV: Many weak hands that can't "further the preempt"

Meanings of other responses and rebids: 2N INV+ask now 3C = min w/S+C, 3D = min w/H+D, 3H = max w/5H+D, 3S = max w/S+C, 3N = max w/6H+D

Bids upto 4H PoC, but 2S-P-3H could be a hand intending to rebid 4H "to play".

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

Pass = to play opposite 5S5C.

RDBL = "I have my own suit, please bid step 1". Bids are PoC

After 2S-P-P-dbl: now pass = S+C

Responses after opponent's overcall:

Dbl = pens of NT, and 4S or higher. PoC otherwise. Bids are PoC

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:

As if it wasn't doubled

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls:

Opener passes unless responder has shown a fit for their suit e.g. 2S-P-3D, which shows a fit for a black suit.

Proposed Defence

DBL = 13-16/20+ bal/semi-bal and 2N = 17-19 bal/semi-bal (responsive DBLs, lebensohl-style advances to DBL; 2nd DBL by aggressor = 20+ closer to takeout; Stayman+transfers over 2NT).

3NT = tricks

3X overcalls = natural, normal strength (i.e. solid opening hand)

4C = strong, both black suits

4D = strong, both red suits

Pass then DBL = takeout; DBL of a PoC bid = takeout; cue = strong one- or two-suiter