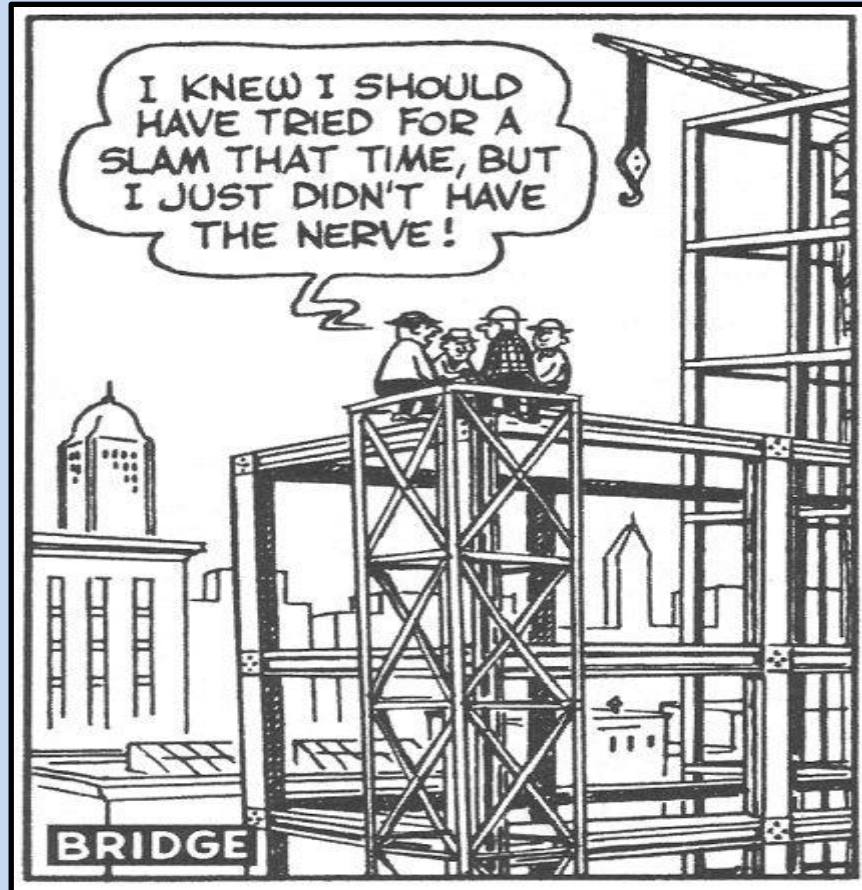


2 Suited Pre-empts



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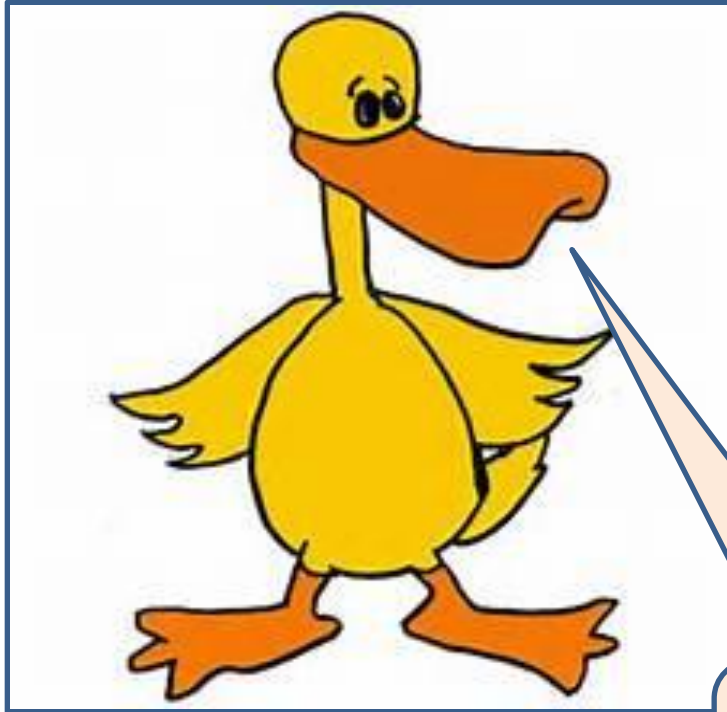
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Let's Start with A Joke

Do you want me
to put that on
your bill, sir?



What kind of a
duck do you
think I am?



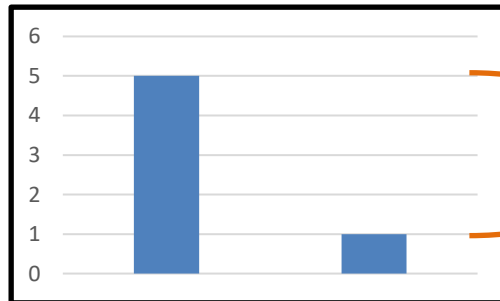
2 Suited Pre-empts

Rivet!



When you can take at least 4 more tricks playing in your long suit than you can defending, pre-empt, if the vulnerability allows!

♠ AQJ1094	♥ J	♦ J64	♣ 853	South
				NVul



4 trick
difference

5 tricks on
offense

1 trick on
defense

A sacrifice is
outbidding the
opponents, but
losing less points
going down, even
if doubled.

North	East	South	West
	1D	2S*	

Pre-empting helps you by:

- 1) Disrupting the opponents' bidding.
- 2) Finding sacrifices.
- 3) Helping your partner to lead.

Pre-empting can be broken into 4 categories:

- 1) Pre-empting 6-card suits using the Weak Two Bid
- 2) Pre-empting 7+ long suits
- 3) Pre-empting with 2 long suits
- 4) Pre-empting after your partner has opened

Topic #3

The Michaels Cue Bid shows a 5-5 hand with 5-11 HCPs (NVul) or 8-15 HCPs (Vul).

It keys around the majors:

North East Shows both majors.

1C 2C* Partner has not bid a suit yet!

North East Shows the other major and an unknown minor.
1S 2S*

Michaels

Or 4S. They will be cold for 4H or more.



North East South West *Also = both majors.
1C Pass Pass 2C* You'd want more HCPs.

1)

	North	East	South	West
	Pass	1H	???	
	2H*			
South	♠QJ872 ♥3 ♦43 ♣KQ764			

2)

	North	East	South	West
	Pass	1D	???	
	2D*			
South	♠QJ9743 ♥QJ1064 ♦3 ♣2			

Asks partner for his minor.

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	2H*	Pass	???
	2NT*			
West	♠A2 ♥K854 ♦K84 ♣8642			

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	2H*	Pass	???
	2S			
West	♠K962 ♥854 ♦Q842 ♣82			

5)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	2D*	Pass	???
	2S			
West	♠109 ♥5 ♦Q8432 ♣86542			

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	2D*	Pass	???
	4H*			
West	♠AK6 ♥K8542 ♦4 ♣8642			

* Jump to game. Even if you go down, they can make a minor contract.

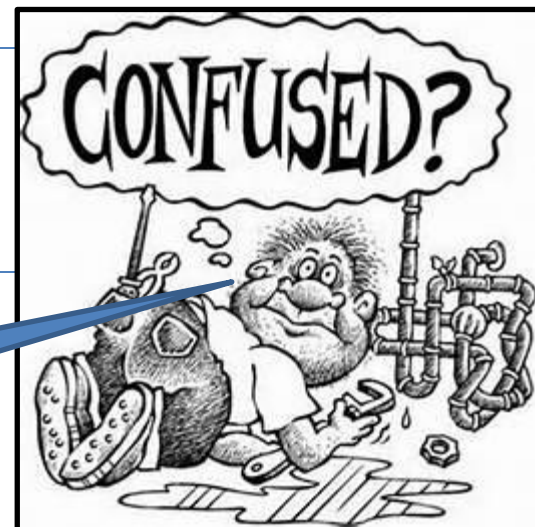
The Unusual No Trump shows 5-5 or longer in the 2 lowest unbid suits and:
5-11 HCPs (NVul)
or 8-15 HCPs (Vul).

It's another way, besides Michaels Cue Bid) to pre-empt with 2 suits:

North East Shows clubs and hearts.
1D 2NT*

Unusual No Trump

Me too!



	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1)	Pass	1H	???	
	2NT*			
South	♠72 ♥3 ♦AJ1083 ♣KJ764			

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2)	Pass	1NT	???	
	2NT*			
South	♠7 ♥4 ♦KQJ985 ♣K9432			

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3)	1H	Pass	Pass	???
	2NT*			
West	♠2 ♥5 ♦KQJ84 ♣AQ8632			

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
4)	1H	Pass	2H	Pass
	2NT*			
East	♠92 ♥854 ♦QJ842 ♣KQ82			

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
5)		Pass	4H	???
	4NT*			
West	♠9 ♥5 ♦KQJ932 ♣AKQ42			

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
6)			1C	???
	1H			
West	♠--- ♥AQJ63 ♦AKJ87 ♣642			

What is the only 5-5 hand you can't pre-empt with over 1 of a minor?

Too strong. Overcall 1H, then bid ♦'s.

If your partner rebids 3S, you should pass.

Unusual vs. the Unusual



Unusual vs. the Unusual is a defence against two-suited pre-empt (Michaels and The Unusual No Trump).

1) When they don't show exactly which two suits they have (example: 1H – 2H), a bid of their suit (2S) shows a limit raise (11-12 HCPs) or better in partner's suit (♥'s). "Partner, I'm inviting you to game, or I'm looking for slam; you'll find out later."

	North	East	South	West
3H*		1S	2S*	???
West	♠AQ93	♥32	♦A1073	♣962

	North	East	South	West
3S		1S	2S*	???
West	♠J753	♥32	♦A875	♣Q64

Just a simple raise.

2) When you know the opponent's two suits, cue bidding their higher suit shows a limit raise or better in partner's suit. Cue bidding their lower suit shows the 4th suit and 11+ HCPs (* some partnerships play this differently.)

	North	East	South	West
3D*		1S	2NT*	???
West	♠AQ93	♥32	♦A1073	♣962

	North	East	South	West
3C*		1H	2NT*	???
West	♠KQJ753	♥32	♦A75	♣64

3) Doubles over Michaels and The Unusual No Trump are for penalties.

North	East	South	West
	1S	2S*	Dbl

Unusual vs. the Unusual



1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	2D*	???	
2H*				
South	♠72 ♥3 ♦A103 ♣AKJ9764			

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	2NT*	???	
3H*				
South	♠7 ♥KQJ973 ♦Q65 ♣932			

Shows just a minimum response with ♥'s.

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1C	2C	???
Dbl				
West	♠KQ9 ♥KJ104 ♦QJ84 ♣K2			

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	2NT*	???	
3D*				
West	♠Q982 ♥Q754 ♦2 ♣KQ82			

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	2S*	???
3S				
West	♠KJ9 ♥52 ♦K732 ♣8642			

Shows just a minimum raise (7-10 HCPs).

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1C	2C*	???
2D*				
West	♠63 ♥J63 ♦AK9872 ♣62			

Shows just a minimum response with ♦'s.

**PLAYING BRIDGE
IN THE OUTBACK**



**If I bid a slam and go down, I swear
I'll pass out!**

Time To Play