

TWO DECLARER PLAY CHALLENGES:
(without reference to the bidding as it was not so good!),

HOW WOULD YOU PLAY?

1.5♠ with the ♣K opening lead:

DUMMY

♠KQ9

♥Q8

♦AQJ106

♣A92

DECLARER

♠AJ10875

♥A96

♦3

♣876

2.6♥ Doubled by RHO after you opened INT and partner bid 4♦ (TEXAS TRANSFER) and followed up with a Keycard ask and a final bid of 6♥ doubled by RHO with LHO leading the ♣J.

DUMMY

♠J4

♥AQJ10962

♦7

♣K74

DECLARER

♠1093

♥K874

♦AQJ2

♣AQ

CARE & FEEDING of JACOBY TWO NOTRUMP

To respond 2NT to one of a major in first or second seat by partner,
Responder will show:

- 1.4+ card support for partner's Major.
2. Opening bid values – enough to force to game.

But will not have:

1. a very strong side-suit of 5+ cards that will serve as a Source of Tricks in the final contract so with $\spadesuit Jxxx$ $\heartsuit xx$ $\diamond AKQxx$ $\clubsuit Ax$ prefer to respond $2\diamond$ (2/1 GF) when partner opens $1\spadesuit$.
2. If at the lower end of enough to force to game (12-14 hcp), Responder should not have shortness as if he does, he should prefer to respond with a splinter bid – an unusual below-game jump to show shortness in the bid suit plus 4+ cards in Opener's suit.
Bid $3\spadesuit$ over partner's $1\heartsuit$ with $\spadesuit x$ $\heartsuit AQxx$ $\diamond Kxxx$ $\clubsuit Kxxx$.

WHEN?

1. The Jacoby 2NT response can be used by an unpassed hand even if RHO makes a takeout double but not if he overcalls.

OPENER'S rebids:

1. 4M = no shortness in a minimum hand.
2. 3M = not a minimum hand but no shortness and will exclude:
3. 3NT = no shortness but a non-minimum (about one King more than a minimum)
4. simple bid of a new suit = shortness (0 or 1 card) in that suit.
5. Jump rebid in a new suit = 5+ cards in that suit as a possible source of tricks with 2 of top 3 honours in that suit. With less than that suit quality, prefer to rebid the hand's shortness.

CONTINUATION:

After any opener's rebid below game that Responder "likes" enough to consider slam possibilities, she can bid a new suit as a control bid, the bid showing the ace of the control-bid suit and an exchange of control bids can ensue.

Responder might also use an ace-asking convention (4NT won't ever be quantitative after 1M-2NT as a start).

1430 KC is the preferred variety with the King of the agreed suit counting as one of the 5 Keycards and the 4 aces as the other 4 Keycards.

Scheme of response = $5\clubsuit = 1$ or 4 , $5\diamond = 0$ or 3 , $5\heartsuit = 2$ but lacking the Q of the agreed suit, $5\spadesuit = 2$ but with the Q of the agreed suit.