

# 3-Level Over INT

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Make the Most of the Captain's Chair

reference:

[http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/20111208\\_Learning\\_Points\\_3-Bid\\_Responses\\_to\\_INT\\_Opening.pdf](http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/20111208_Learning_Points_3-Bid_Responses_to_INT_Opening.pdf)

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Recommended NT System

- \* Stayman
- \* Garbage Stayman
- \* Crawling Stayman
- \* Smolen
- \* Major Suit Transfers
- \* Minor Suit Transfers
- \* Texas Transfers

← 3-Level Responses

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## Rationale

- \* Use Stayman to find 4/4 major suit fit
- \* Use Transfers to find 5/3 or 6/3 fit
- \* What else is there to know/show?
  - \* If opener has 5 card major
  - \* If responder is slam interested
  - \* If responder is 2-suited
  - \* If all suits are "covered"
- \* 3-Level bids are a smorgasbord of options

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Slam Interest - Solid Suit

- \* 3-level suit: solid suit and slam interest
- \* responder: ♠ xx ♥ Axx ♦ x ♣ AKQxxxx
- \* opener: ♠ AQJ ♥ Kxx ♦ KQxxx ♣ xx
- \* inadequate (gap+): INT-2 ♠ -3 ♣ -3 ♦ -3NT
- \* better: INT-3 ♣ -3 ♦ -3 ♥ -6NT

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Truscott - Anti-Lemming

\* Responder: ♠ xx ♥ Axx ♦ KJxx ♣ QJxx

\* What do you lead after INT-3NT

\* answer: shortest major

\* defenders run 5 major suit tricks, down 1

\* INT-3♥: GF & 3244, INT-3♠: GF & 2344

\* Opener can bid 3NT, 4 major or 4/5 minor

\* opener: 3NT: ♠ KQJ ♥ Qxx ♦ Axx ♣ Kxxx

\* opener: 4♥: ♠ xxx ♥ KQJx ♦ AQ ♣ Kxxx

\* opener: 5♣: ♠ xxx ♥ Kx ♦ AQx ♣ AKxxx

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## Bergen - Major/Minor 2 Suiters

- \* You can find 4/4 major fits with Stayman and single suited hands with transfers
- \* Responder??: ♠ AJxxx ♥ KQxxx ♦ xx ♣ x
- \* Responder??: ♠ QJxxx ♥ QJxxx ♦ xx ♣ x
- \* Bergen recommends:
  - \* 3♣: invitational minors 5/5
  - \* 3♦: GF minors 5/5
  - \* 3♥: invitational majors 5/5
  - \* 3♠: GF majors 5/5

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## Slam Interest - Mini-Splinters

- \* C. C. Wei determined: minor suit slams are hard to bid, key to winning TEAM games
- \* INT-3♥: 1/0♥, slam?, and minors (31)(45)
  - \* responder: INT-3♥: ♠KQx ♥x ♦Qxxx ♣AJxxx
- \* Opener can:
  - \* 3NT: ♠AJx ♥AQxx ♦Jxx ♣Kxx (to play)
  - \* 4♠: ♠AJxx ♥Kxx ♦AJxx ♣Qx (to play)
  - \* 4♣: ♠Ax ♥xxx ♦AKxx ♣KQxx (slam bound)
  - \* 5♣: ♠Ax ♥Kxx ♦Kxx ♣KQxxx (to play)

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## Sample Convention Cards

### \* Bergen:

- \* 3♣: 5/5 minors inv.
- \* 3♦: 5/5 minors GF
- \* 3♥: 5/5 majors inv.
- \* 3♠: 5/5 majors GF

### \* Truscott:

- \* 3♣: Puppet Stayman
- \* 3♦: 5/5 majors inv.+
- \* 3♥: GF 3244
- \* 3♠: GF 2344

### \* Slam City:

- \* 3♣: solid suit 6+
- \* 3♦: solid suit 6+
- \* 3♥: GF+ 31(45)
- \* 3♠: GF+ 13(45)