

# Miles Two Diamonds

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# Three-suited 2D Bids

- Mini Roman – 11-15 HCP with 3 suits is the most popular version.
- Split Range 2D – 11-15 or 20+ with 3 suits uses somewhat arcane responses.
- Triple 2D – 11-15, 16-19 or 20+ with 3 suits uses even more arcane responses with 2 bids required to provide range and short suit.
- Miles 2D – provides 3 ranges with simpler response structure.

# Memory Keys

- Must have spades if only 11-15
- Rebid NT to show 20+
- Rebid next higher suit over suit response to show 11-15
- Rebid suit other than next suit to show 16-19
- Raise to 3 with 16-19 and 4 with 20+ and support.

# Why Ranges Higher Than 11-15?

- Three suited hands in the 16-19 range can be handled well enough with standard bidding methods.
- But big hands (2C openers) with three four-card suits are a problem. Fortunately, they are rare.
- If you open 2C with a 3-suited hand, Partner will expect 5+ cards in any suit you bid and NT is out unless your singleton is an A.

# What Are The Basics of Miles 2D?

- Miles puts some structure on rebids by the 2D Opener to describe strength.
- Miles 2D requires Opener to have spades if having only 11-15.
- Miles has a simple system of rebids by Opener to describe his strength.
- Any first response other than 2NT is non-forcing (requires Alert).

# Weak Responding Hands

- If Responder is weak (less than limit raise), bid a major even if holding only 3 cards in it.
- If Responder has no tolerance for the majors and a club suit, he bids 3 clubs.
- Note that if Responder bids 3D, 3H or 3S, he shows 5+ in suit bid and this bid is **forcing**.

# Opener's Rebids After 2H/2S Response

- Pass shows 11-15 with support
- 2S shows 11-15 with short hearts
- 2NT shows 20+ without a fit
- 3C shows 16-19 without a fit
- 3H/3S shows 16-19 with a fit
- 4H/4S shows 20+ with a fit

# 2NT Response

- Responder shows at least invitational values and asks Opener to bid his short suit.
- Opener rebids 3C, 3D or 3H to show a minimal hand with shortness in the suit bid.
- Opener bids 3NT to show 20+ (partners then bid 4-cards suits up the line).
- Any other bid (including 3S) shows 16-19 with shortness in suit bid.



# 3 Club Response

- Opener passes with minimum and club support.
- Opener bids 3D with minimum and club shortness.
- Opener with a maximum should still exercise judgement before bidding 3NT with club shortness.

## Miles Roman 2♦: 4-4-4-1, any shortness (not spades if 11-15), 11+ HCP.

Pass	Weak with long diamonds.	
2♥/2♠	Natural, weak.	
	Pass	Minimum 11-15 with a fit
	2♠	Minimum 11-15 with short hearts
	2NT	Strong 20+ without a fit
	3♣	Invitational 16-19 without a fit
	3♥/3♠	[raise] Invitational 16-19 with a fit
	4♥/4♠	[raise] Strong 20+ with a fit
2NT	Artificial, game-invitational or better.	
	3♣/3♦/3♥	Minimum hand, short in this suit.
	3NT	Strong 20+, partners bid suits up the line.
	other	Invitational 16-19, short in this suit.
3♣	Weak, no tolerance for majors.	
	Pass	Minimum 11-15 with clubs
	3♦	Minimum 11-15 without clubs
3♦/3♥/3♠	Forcing, at least a 5-card suit.	