

Rosenkranz Doubles

competitive support by advancer

Responding to an Overcall

(Advancing)

- * The auction: (1♣)-1♥-(1♠)-???
- * What should we bid with:
- * A: ♠xx ♥KJx ♦Qxxx ♣Axxx (2♣)
- * B: ♠xx ♥KJx ♦xxxx ♣Axxx
- * C: ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦Kx ♣Axxxx
- * D: ♠xx ♥xxxx ♦Qx ♣Axxxx (3♥)

The Rosenkranz Double

(when is it applicable?)

- * When the opponents have bid two suits below the 2 level of partner's overcall
- * You have 3+ card support and 7-9 HCPs
- * Double with a top honor, otherwise raise
- * The auction: (1♣)-1♥-(1♠)-???
- * B: ♠xx ♥KJx ♦xxxx ♣Axxx (double!)
- * C: ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦Kx ♣Axxxx (2♥)

The Rosenkranz Double

(the redouble extension)

- * When the opponents have bid two suits below the 2 level of partner's overcall
- * A negative double indicates a second suit, so Rosenkranz should apply
- * The auction: (1♣)-1♥-(X)-???
- * B: ♠xx ♥KJx ♦xxxx ♣Axxx (XX!)
- * C: ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦Kx ♣Axxxx (2♥)

The Rosenkranz Double

(responsive/values doubles)

- * The auction: (1♣)-1♥-(2♣)-???
- * Partnership Agreement **REQUIRED** here!
- * Officially, this is **NOT** a Rosenkranz sequence. It is simply a values double, which usually denies support!
- * But if you don't play responsive doubles, Rosenkranz **could** apply.
- * What about: (1♣)-1♥-(INT)-X
- * **Rosenkranz or not?**

The Rosenkranz Double

(variations)

- * Reverse Rosenkranz:
 - * Raise: support with top honor
 - * Double: support without top honor
- * The auction: (1♣)-1♠-(X)-???
- * A Rosenkranz XX gives opener room to bid 2♥. A direct 2♠ forces him to 3♥.
- * Do you want the direct 2♠ to show the slightly stronger or the weaker raise?

The Rosenkranz Double

(modern advances)

- * The auction: (1♣)-1♥-(1♠)-???
- * Pass: nothing to say
- * Double: competitive raise, top♥ honor
- * Raise: competitive raise, no top♥ honor
- * Jump Raise: pre-emptive
- * New Suit: competitive, non-forcing
- * Cuebid: forcing, probably limit+ raise

The Rosenkranz Double

(how does it help?)

* Your hand: ♠ Qxx ♥ xxx ♦ xx ♣ KQxxx

* The Auction:

* (1♦)-_{partner} 1♠-(2♥)-_{you} X!-

* (2NT)-_{partner} P- (3NT)-_{you} P- (P)-P

* Partner: ♠ KJTxx ♥ xxx ♦ Axx ♣ xx

* Rosenkranz is alertable!

* And a ♠ lead is now easy!

The Rosenkranz Double

(how does it help?)

* Your hand: ♠ Kxx ♥ xx ♦ xxx ♣ QJxxx

* The Auction:

* (1 ♥)_{-partner} 1 ♠ -(2 ♦)_{-you} X!-

* (4 ♥)_{-partner} 4 ♠ -(5 ♥)_{-you} P- (P)-P

* Partner: ♠ AQxxx ♥ Ax ♦ x ♣ xxxxx

* Rosenkranz is alertable!

* Lead a ♦, win A ♥, now a **small** ♠!