

Unusual Over Unusual

What to do when opponents bid an Unusual NT
1♠-(2NT)-???

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Why do we need it?

* 1 ♠ -(2NT)-???

* A.) ♠ Jxxx ♥ xxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (compete)

* B.) ♠ Qxxx ♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (invite)

* C.) ♠ xx ♥ QJxxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (compete)

* D.) ♠ Jx ♥ KQTxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (invite)

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Traditional Agreements

- * Our suits (♠ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)
- * Raise is competitive (to play) 1♠-(2NT)-3♠
- * New suit is competitive (to play) 1♠-(2NT)-3♥
- * Lower cue bid is invitational (or better) in lower suit 1♠-(2NT)-3♣ (invitational+ for ♥)
- * Higher cue bid is invitational (or better) in higher suit 1♠-(2NT)-3♦ (invitational+ for ♠)

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Traditional Examples

* 1 ♠ -(2NT)-???

* A.) ♠ Jxxx ♥ xxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♠!)

* B.) ♠ Qxxx ♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♦!)

* C.) ♠ xx ♥ QJxxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♥!)

* D.) ♠ Jx ♥ KQTxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♣!)

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Traditional Troubles

- * 1NT-(2NT)-???
- * Lebensohl, Unusual Over Unusual, Std. Systems On?
- * 1♥-(2NT)-???
- * ♠KQxxx ♥xx ♦AJx ♣Kxx
(3NT, 4♠, or 4♥)

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Invisible Cue Bids

- * Our suits (♠ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)
- * Direct bid of either of our suits is still competitive 1♠-(2NT)-3♠ OR 1♠-(2NT)-3♥
- * Higher cue bid is invitational (or better)
raise 1♠-(2NT)-3♦ and 1♥-(2NT)-3♦ (invitational+ for opener's suit)
- * Lower cue bid is invitational (or better) in our other suit

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Invisible Examples

* Opener) ♠ Jx ♥ AKJxx ♦ xx ♣ QJxx
Responder) ♠ KQxxx ♥ xx ♦ AJx ♣ Kxx
1♥-(2NT)-3♣-(P)-3♦-(P)-3NT

* Opener) ♠ JTxxx ♥ AJxx ♦ A ♣ Kxx
Responder) ♠ AK ♥ QTxx ♦ QTxxxx ♣ T
1♠-(2NT)-X-(3♣)-3♥-(P)-4♥

* Opener) ♠ KJx ♥ AKJxx ♦ Qxx ♣ xx
Responder) ♠ Qxxx ♥ Txx ♦ AKx ♣ Kxx
1♥-(2NT)-3♦-(P)-4♥

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Other Applications

- * Our suits (♠ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)
- * Can be used whenever the opponents make a 2 suited overcall
- * Unusual 2NT
- * Michaels
- * Some NT overcalls (e.g. 2♦ Cappelletti)