

Lebensohl Over Opponent's Weak Two – Part 2

The Doubler's Rebid

Doubler's Options

- After RHO's weak-two opening and your double, you will be guided by your partner's bids.
- You do, however, have some options.
- We are still working with the auction:

North East South West

2♥ dble pass ??

In this lesson we will deal with East's rebids.

We'll Look at Some Examples

- We are staying with the same auction.

North	East (you)	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	??
pass	??		

- This time you are east, the one making the takeout double.

Doubler's Options

- After west's 2-level bid, you will pass, unless you have serious game possibilities opposite a weak hand.
- After west's 2nt bid, you will bid 3♣, then pass partner's next bid, unless you have really strong hand.
- After any 3-level bid (9-12) points, bid or pass accordingly.
- A cue bid of the opponent's suit denies a stopper and asks partner to bid 3 nt, if she has a stopper, and shows a hand with slam interest.
- Any direct game bid shows a hand strong enough for game, with no slam interest.

Don't Forget!!

- Whenever you make a takeout double and partner bids a suit, *your hand is dummy*.
- So count dummy points. When you have 4 trumps.
 - A void = 3 or 5 points.
 - A singleton = 3 points.
 - A doubleton = 1 point.

Example 1

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	2♠
pass	pass		

East's hand

♠ K 10 4 2

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ A Q J

(16 points)

- West's bid shows 0-8 points.
- There's very little chance of game.
- Best pass and play a partscore.

Example 2

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbldbl	pass	2♠
pass	pass		

East's hand

♠ A K 10 4

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ A Q J

(20 points)

- West's bid shows 0-8 points.
- Bid 3. You have 19 points.
- You don't need to jump.
- Simply raising tells partner you have a strong hand.
- Partner will accept the invitation with 6+ points.

Example 3

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	2♠
pass	3♥		

East's hand

♠ A Q
♥ 9 7 (20 points)
♦ K Q 7
♣ A K Q 5 3 2

-A difficult hand-

- Your cue bid of the opponent's suit asks partner to bid 3nt with a stopper.
- If partner does not have a stopper in hearts, you will bid your club suit.
- Alternatively, bid 3♣. Shows a strong hand with clubs.
- Encourages partner to bid no trump with a stopper.

Example 4

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	2♠
pass	4♠		

East's hand

♠ A K 6 5

♥ 9

♦ K Q J 7

♣ A Q J 5

(23 points)

- Your partner is showing 0-8 points.
- If he has close to zero you might not make the game...
- But with a power house hand like this one, you have to try.

(New Auction) Example 5

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	pass	2nt
pass	3♣		

East's hand

♠ A J 6 5

♥ 9 5 (17 points)

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q J

- You have a bit extra, but not enough to force game.
- Just bid 3♣ and follow partner's lead.

Example 6

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbl	pass	2nt
pass	3♦		

East's hand

♠ A K 5

♥ 9 5 (17 points)

♦ K Q J 10 7 3

♣ A 8

- This hand is too strong to risk partner passing your 3♣ bid.
- Your 3♦ tells partner you have a powerful hand with diamonds.
- Partner will decide how far to go.
- With a weaker hand, you would simply bid 3♦, without the double.

Example 7

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	2nt
pass	3nt		

East's hand

♠ A J 10 5

♥ A 5 (22 points)

♦ K Q 3

♣ A K J 10

- This is a chancy bid.
- You will hold up to the second round of hearts and then hope that north does not have an entry to his hand.
- An alternative bid with this hand is a direct 3nt.

Example 8

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	pass	2nt
pass	3nt		

East's hand

♠ A K 10 5

♥ 7 5

♦ K Q 3

♣ A K Q 8

(21 points)

- This is a chancy bid.
- This time you do not have a stopper in their suit.
- Bid 3♥, to tell partner you have a big hand and to bid 3nt with a stopper.
- Without a stopper, partner will have to bid his best suit.

(New Auction) Example 9

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	3♦
pass			

East's hand

♠ A J 8 5

♥ 7 5 (14 points)

♦ K Q 9 3

♣ A 10 8

- Partner is showing 9-12 points.
- Even if partner has a max, your combined hands would be a borderline for 5♦.
- Best take the plus.

Example 10

North	East	South	West
2♥	dble	pass	3♦
pass			

East's hand

♠ A J 8 5

♥ 5

♦ K Q 9 3

♣ A K Q 8

(22 points)

- Again, partner has 9-12.
- 5♦ is clearly possible, but so is 3nt, if partner has a stopper.
- Bid 3♥, to see if partner can bid 3nt.
- If not, settle for 5♦.
- With the right hand, 6♦ is possible.

(New Auction) Example 11

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	pass	3♠
pass			

East's hand

♠ K 8 5 3

♥ 5 2

(13 points)

♦ K J 9 3

♣ A J 8

- Partner has 9-12, with 5+ spades.
- Even if partner has a max, 4♠ would be a borderline bid.
- Probably best to pass.

Example 12

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	pass	3♠
pass			

- Partner has 9-12, with 5+ spades.
- 4♠ is just right, here.

East's hand

♠ A 6 5 3

♥ 2 (17 points)

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K J 8 6

Example 13

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	pass	3♠
pass			

East's hand

♠ A Q 7 3

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ A K 10 9

(22 points)

- Partner has 9-12, with 5+ spades.
- 4nt.
- You want to know how many key cards partner has.

If the Opponents Compete Further

North	East	South	West
2♥	double	3♥	??

- Here are some guidelines:
 - Pass - nothing to say.
 - Redouble –general values, no clear action.
 - Suit bid - natural and competitive.
 - 3nt is to play.
 - 4 or 5 of a suit is to play.
 - 4♥ cue bid is slam invitational.

If the Opponents Compete Further

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbler	4♥	??

- Here are some guidelines:
 - Pass nothing to say.
 - Double – penalty.
 - 4nt – pick a minor.
 - 4 or 5 of a suit is to play.

Example 14

North	East	South	West
2♥	dbld	3♥	3♠
pass			

West's hand

♠ K J 9 7 3

♥ 7 2 (9 points)

♦ K 8 7 3

♣ Q 9

- This is a competitive bid.
- Partner may pass or bid on with extra values.

Example 15

North	East	South	West
2♥	double	3♥	pass
pass			

West's hand

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 7 2 (5 points)

♦ Q 8 7 3

♣ 9 7 2

- Not enough here to make a bid.
- If partner has a really strong hand, she will double again.
- You'll bid spades.

Example 16

North	East	South	West
2♥	double	3♥	
pass			

West's hand

♠ A J 3

♥ 7 2 (13 points)

♦ A 8 7 3

♣ A 9 7 2

- Double. This is a responsive double
- You have the values to compete, but no clear action.
- You expect partner to bid...
- But partner may pass and defend.