

# The Weak Two Bid In Competition

# You Decide to Play Weak Twos

- You mark your card 5-11 hcps and talk about what you'll do if you have a good hand opposite partner's weak two.
- But what will you do when the opponents bid?
- You know, unless you have a pretty strong hand, the opponents will bid.
- We'll look at some situations.

# Partner Opens a Weak Two, Your RHO Doubles

- Raises of partner's suit are the same as without the double.
- The question is, how high to raise?
- And is there a difference if partner bid hearts or spades?

# Partner Opens 2 ♥, RHO Doubles

Hand 1

♠ A 4

♥ J 9 7

♦ 10 5 4

♣ Q J 9 4 3

With 6-12 points and 3-card support, raise one level.

Hand 2

♠ A 4

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ 10 5

♣ Q J 9 4 3

With 6-12 points and 4-card support, raise to the 4 level.

# Partner Opens 2 ♠, RHO Doubles

Hand 3

♠ K J 6 3

♥ Q 10 7 4

♦ Q 4

♣ J 9 4

- If you bid 4 ♠, the auction probably ends there.
- Partner is likely down one.
- If you bid 3 spades the opponents will probably bid 4 ♥.
- There's no guarantee, but that bid might not make.

# Partner Opens 2 ♥, RHO Doubles

Hand 4

♠ 6 3

♥ Q 10 7 5 4

♦ A J 10 4

♣ J 9

- You can bid 4 ♥, but you know they will bid 4 ♠
- Best bid 5 ♥ directly. Make them decide what to do.
- Especially true with favorable vulnerability, but likely good with even vulnerability.

# Partner Opens 2 ♠, RHO Doubles

Hand 5

♠ 9 7 6 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A J 10 4

♣ J 9 5

- You can bid 4 ♠, but they will bid 5 ♥
- Partner is on lead.
- Partner's suit is
  - ♠ K J 10 8 4 2
  - ♠ A Q J 8 4 2
- You might bid 4 ♦. In this situation it is, by agreement, lead directing.
- And guaranteeing support of the weak-two suit at that level.

# The Situation Might Look Like This

♠ K J 10 8 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ 9 3

♣ K 9 5

♠ Q

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 10 6 4 2

♠ A 4

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ A 8 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ J 10 6

♦ A J 10 4

♣ Q 3



**A change of direction,  
now. Let's look at the  
takeout doubler's  
partner.**

# When You Are the Partner of the Doubler

- A weak-two bid, partner makes a takeout double, RHO passes.
- This is often a difficult situation.
  - Partner has a good hand, of course.
  - RHO is unknown.
    - Might have a strong hand,
    - but no support for his partner's weak two suit.
- You are forced to bid, but you want to describe your hand to partner.

# Here is a Lebensohl-like System for Describing Your Hand.

- With 0-7 points you will bid at the two level if possible.
- With 0-7 points and a two-level bid is not available:
  - Bid two no trump. (must be alerted)
  - Partner bids 3 ♣ (forced)
  - You will
    - Pass if clubs is your suit
    - Bid your suit, and partner will probably pass.

2 ♥...Double....Pass...??

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 8 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 9 4 2

5 points. Bid 2 ♠.

2 ♠ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ 7 5

♥ Q 10 8 3

♦ K J 9 3

♣ J 4 2

7 points. Bid 2 nt,  
partner will bid 3 ♣,  
you bid 3 ♥.

2 ♠ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ 7 5 2  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ Q J 4 2

5 points. Bid 2 nt,  
partner will bid 3 ♣,  
you will pass.

2 ♦ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ Q 5 2

♥ 10 8 3

♦ 9 3

♣ A 9 5 4 2

6 points. Bid 2 nt,  
partner will bid 3 ♣,  
you will pass.

2 ♦ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ Q 5 2  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A K 5 4 2

9 points, bid 3 ♣.

A non-jump 3 level bid  
shows 9-11 points.



2 ♠ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ 5 2  
♥ K 10 8 3  
♦ 9 3 2  
♣ A Q 5 4

9 points, bid 3 ♥

A Non-jump 3- level bid  
shows 9-11 points.

# 2 ♦ ...Double....Pass...??

**This is  
the  
difficult  
one .**

**Watch out  
for it!**

♠ Q 8 5 2  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A K 5 4

9 points, bid 2 nt,  
partner bids 3 ♣,  
You bid 3 ♠

Going through the relay, then bidding a suit you could have bid at the two level; shows 9-11 points.

2 ♦ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ A J 5 2

♥ 10 8 3

♦ 9 3

♣ A K 5 4

12 points, bid 3 ♠

Any jump bid over partner's double is game forcing, showing 12+ points.

2 ♥ ...Double....Pass...??

♠ A J 5

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 9 5 3

♣ K 5 4

13 points, bid 4 ♦

Any jump bid over partner's double is game forcing, showing 12+ points.