

Opener Rebids 2 No Trump

Now What?

First, Let's Look at a One Over One Sequence

- 1 ♦...1 ♥...2 no trump.'
- What sort of hand does opener have?
 - Balanced
 - 18 or 19 points
 - Too strong for a 1 no trump opening
 - Not strong enough for a 2 no trump opening

Should Opener Rebid 2 nt With 4-Card Support for Responder?

- No... Supporting partner takes preference.
 - Make a 3-level jump rebid. 1 ♦...1 ♥...3 ♥
 - Or with a good 19, bid game. 1 ♦...1 ♥...4 ♥

Examples

Hand 1

♠ K 2

♥ K J 3 2

♦ A K J 5

♣ Q J 3

1 ♦ ... 1 ♥ ... 3 ♥

Hand 2

♠ A 2

♥ K J 3 2

♦ A K 10 9

♣ A 10 9

1 ♦ ... 1 ♥ ... 4 ♥

Should Opener Bid 2 nt With 4-Cards in the Other Major?

- Yes... Showing your strength is most important.
- Once your strength is known, there are a number of ways for responder to continue, if her hand warrants continuing.
- Responder can:
 - Pass
 - Use NMF
 - Bid 3nt
 - Look for slam

NMF Over a 2 nt Rebid

- NMF over a 2nt rebid works the same as it does over a 1nt rebid.
- Responder bids the unbid minor suit, to ask opener about his hand.
 - Opener's first responsibility is to show 3-card support for responder's major suit.
 - Second responsibility is to show 4-cards in the other major, denying 3-card support of responder's major suit.
 - Third, opener will rebid 3nt.

Here are Some Examples

Hand 3

♠ K 5 2

♥ K J 3 2

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt...3 ♣

3 ♠

Show 3-card
support for
responder's minor.

Hand 4

♠ Q 2

♥ K J 3 2

♦ A J 10 9

♣ A K 10

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt...3 ♣

3 ♥

Show 4 cards in the
other major. Denies 3-
card support for
Responder's minor.

More Examples

Hand 5

♠ K 5
♥ K J 3
♦ A K 9 5
♣ K J 8 5

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

3 nt

No support for
responder's minor
and no 4 cards in
the other major.

Hand 6

♠ Q 2
♥ K J 3
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ A 10 8

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

3 ♦

Shows a really good 5-
card diamond suit.

When Should Responder Use NMF?

- First, remember after Opener jumps to two no trump, the only way the pair can stop at a partscore, is for responder to pass 2 nt.
- Responder should use NMF with any hand where opener's response will be helpful.
- This means responder can use NMF with any hand with a 5-card major or with any of the following distributions. 5-4, 4-5 or 4-4 in the major suits. .

Consider the Following

Hand 7

♠ K J 6 5

♥ A 9 8 4 3

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 5

1 ♦ ... 1 ♥ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

Responder wants to know if opener has either 3 ♥ or 4 ♠ .

Hand 8

♠ K J 7 2

♥ A J 9 3

♦ 4 3

♣ J 8 5

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

3 ♠ ... 3 nt

Responder wants to know if opener has 4-cards in the other major. If opener has 4 hearts he can bid game in hearts.

Here's What it Looks Like from Opener's Viewpoint

Hand 9

♠ K J 6

♥ A K 6 3

♦ A 10 5 4

♣ K 6

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

3 ♠ ... 3 nt

4 ♥

Hand 10

♠ K J 7

♥ A J

♦ A K 4 3

♣ Q 10 8 5

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 3 ♣

3 ♠ ... 3 nt

pass

Responder bids this way to show either 4-4 or 5-4 in the majors.

Okay, But What if You Have 5-5 in the Majors?

Hand 11

♠ Q J 6 5 3

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ 5 4

♣ 6

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt...3 ♥

Responder bids in this way to show 5-5 in the major suits.

Opener will chose a major-suit game or bid 3nt.

Responder May Pass if that is the Right Bid

Hand 12

♠ Q J 6 5

♥ J 8 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ Q 4 2

Even with this bad hand, partner
might make 3nt, but with this dog,
you should pass.

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt...pass

With the Right Stuff, Responder Might Bid Slam

Hand 13

♠ K J 10 5

♥ K J 8

♦ K 4

♣ A 9 4 2

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 6nt

Hand 14

♠ A Q J 10

♥ Q J 8

♦ A 4

♣ K Q 4 2

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt ... 7nt

With the Right Stuff, Responder Might Bid Slam

Hand 15

♠ A J 10 5 4

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q 8 2

♣ 2

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt... 3 ♣

3 ♠ ... 4nt

Hand 16

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ Q J 8 7

♦ A 4

♣ K 2

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt... 3 ♣

3 ♥ ... 4nt

When 3nt is the Correct Bid, Just Bid It.

Hand 17

♠ A J 10 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 8 5 2

1 ♦ ... 1 ♠ ...

2 nt... 3 nt

After a 2/1 Response

- Two no trump is bid with one of two hands.
- You will have either:
 - 12 to 14 points, balanced distribution
 - 18 to 19 points, balanced distribution.
- With 15 to 17, you will open 1nt.
- With 20 or 21, you will open 2nt trump.

Here's How You Deal With This Situation

Hand 18

♠ Q 10 7

♥ K J 8 5 2

♦ K Q

♣ Q J 7

1 ♥ ... 2 ♦ ...

2 nt... 3 nt

pass

Hand 19

♠ A J 10

♥ K Q J 7 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ K 2

1 ♥ ... 2 ♦ ...

2 nt... 3 nt

4 nt