

When Partner Makes a High-level Preempt

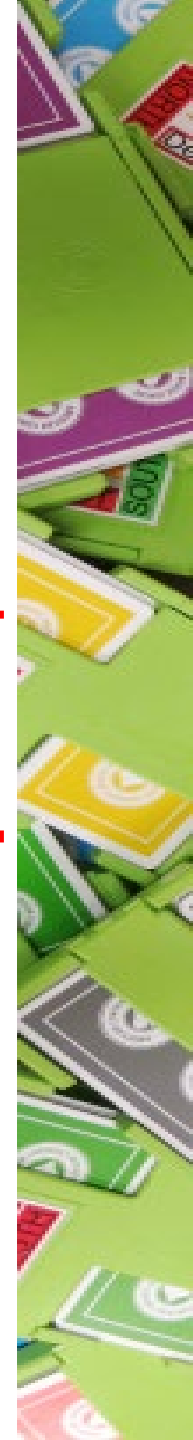
- 3♠ - 4♥ (Bidding game is to play)
- 3♥ - 3♠ (Natural and forcing)
- 4♠ - 5♣ (Cuebid, trying to get to slam)
- 4♠ - 6♣ (Is to play)
- 3♥ - 4♦ (Cuebid, forcing to 4♥, trying to get to 6♥)
- 4♥ - 4♠ (requires partnership agreement)





Defending Against Preemptive Bids

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Defense Against 2-level Preemptive Bids

- **DO NOT** preempt over a preempt
- Overcall a suit
- Jump overcall
- Make a takeout double
- Overcall NT
- Cuebid



Overcall

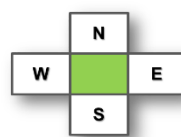
- Shows a good opening hand
- At least a five-card suit
- A jump overcall shows a good 6+ card suit and 15-16 hcp (Invitational)
- Overcall NT shows 15-17 points and stoppers in opponent's suit



Make a Takeout Double (TOD)

- Shows an opening hand and meets the shape requirement of a TOD
- A TOD of a major promises opening values and four cards in the other major
- A TOD of 2♦ or 3♦ promises at least seven cards in the majors
- A TOD followed by bidding notrump shows 18+ and stoppers
- A TOD followed by bidding a new suit shows an 18+ hand (Power Double)





(2♥)

RHO

You

1

♠ KQJ542

♥ 96

♦ A87

♣ K9

2♠

2

♠ 965

♥ AQT

♦ KJT

♣ AQJ8

2NT

3

♠ AQJ8

♥ 54

♦ KJT

♣ AQJ8

DBL

4

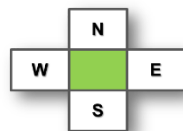
♠ K7

♥ 97

♦ A4

♣ AKQT876

3♥



(2♠)

RHO

You

1

♠ 7

♥ AQJ654

♦ J54

♣ A94

3♥

2

♠ 73

♥ AQJ65

♦ KQ4

♣ AK4

DBL

3

♠ 96

♥ AQT

♦ KQ

♣ AQJT97

3♠

Jump Overcall Over a Weak Two Preempt

- Over a weak 2♥ or 2♠
 - Jump to 4♣ shows 5-5 in clubs and the unbid major
 - Jump to 4♦ shows 5-5 in diamonds and the unbid major
- Over a weak 2♦ (Leaping Michaels)
 - Jump to 4♦ shows 5-5 in the majors
 - Jump to 4♣ shows clubs +unspecified major (responder cuebids to ask for the major)





(2♦)

RHO

You

1

♠ AKT98

♥ AJT87

♦ 4

♣ A2

4♦

2

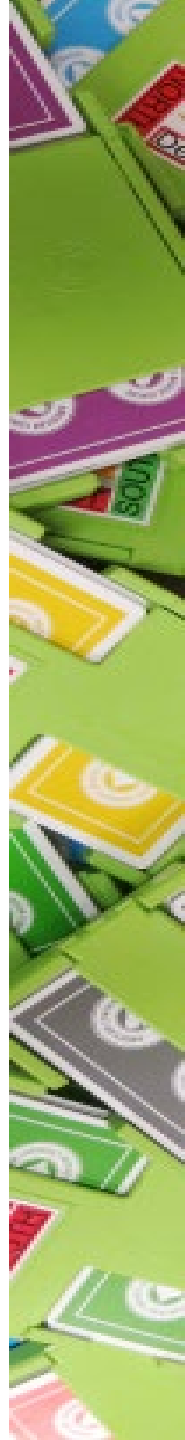
♠ -

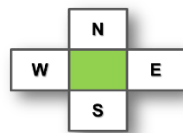
♥ AKT87

♦ AT

♣ KQJT52

4♣





(2♥)

RHO

You

1

♠ AKT98

♥ -

♦ AT

♣ KQJT52

4♣

2

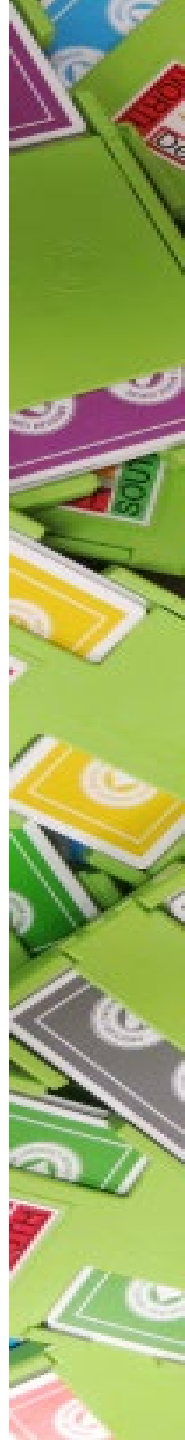
♠ AKT98

♥ 65

♦ AJT85

♣ 7

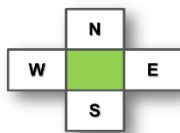
4♦



Defending Against 3-level & 4-level Preempts

- Balance of Risk and Reward
- General playing strength (shape)
- Entering the auction by:
 - Overcall – need a good hand and a good suit
 - Make a Takeout Double – increased flexibility





You

(3♥)

RHO

1

♠ KT976

♥ 4

♦ AQT7

♣ AJ9

DBL

2

♠ AQ98

♥ 74

♦ AQ

♣ KT976

DBL

3

♠ AKQ98

♥ 5

♦ AJ9

♣ QJT9

3♠

4

♠ AQJT764

♥ 4

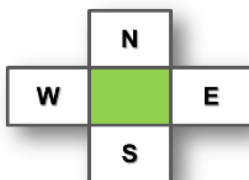
♦ AK5

♣ K8

4♠

RESPONDER

(P)



(3♣)

RHO

You

♠ AKJ85

♥ A

♦ QJT762

♣ 6

4♦

Pass or raise diamonds.

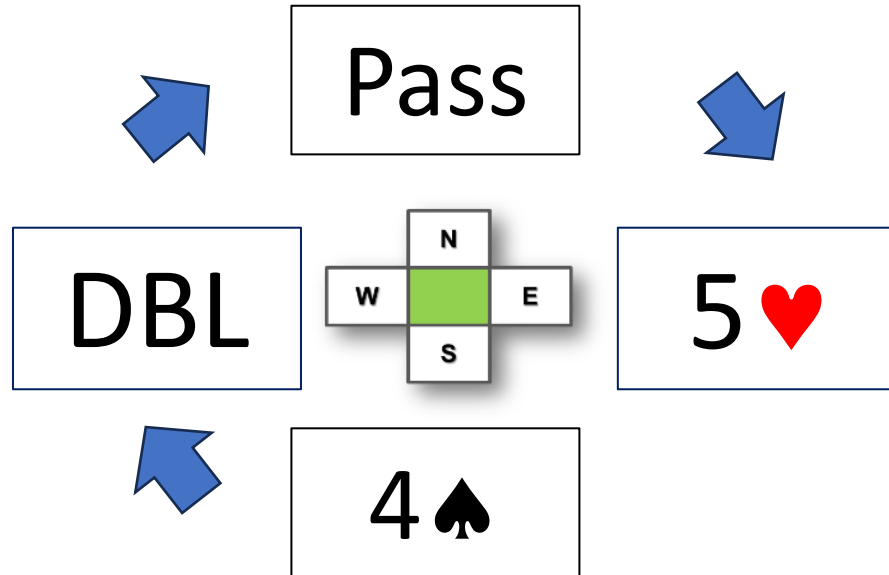
Bid 4♥ with tolerance
for both majors. Partner
will pass or correct to
4♠

Important Partnership Agreement

- Is a double of the opponent's 4♥ opening bid for takeout? YES
- Is a double of the opponent's 4♠ for penalty?
NO (discuss with your partner)
 - Double is a **three-suited takeout**. The responder could pass to convert to a penalty double
 - 4NT is a strong **5-5 two-suited takeout**. The responder bids clubs and the opener passes with clubs-diamonds or clubs-hearts or bids diamonds to show diamonds-hearts



You
 ♠ 4
 ♥ AK76
 ♦ AQJ7
 ♣ K876



♠ 752
 ♥ QJT872
 ♦ KT3
 ♣ 4

RHO

What if?

PASS TO CONVERT
TO PENALTY

♠ 863
 ♥ A54
 ♦ J98
 ♣ K953

NORTH

4♠

PASS

EAST

4NT

PASS

SOUTH

PASS

WEST

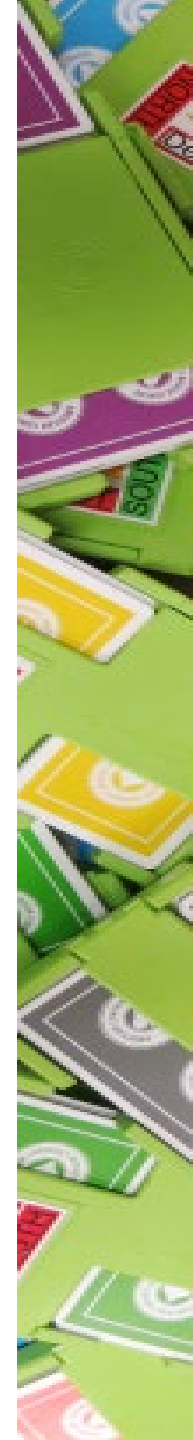
5♣

♠ -

♥ A5

♦ AQJ75

♣ KQ876



NORTH

4 ♠

PASS

EAST

4NT

5 ♦

SOUTH

PASS

PASS

WEST

5 ♣

PASS/5 ♥

♠ 3

♥ AQJT7

♦ AQJ75

♣ K6

