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TIP OF THE WEEK: Opening Light in Third Seat

In third seat, you know you’re not robbing bidding space from your partner because she already said she didn’t have a great hand when she passed as dealer. Your right-hand opponent passed so they don’t have opening values. Most likely the other opponent has the balance of power, so you want to take away as much bidding space as you can.

OPENING LIGHT IN THIRD SEAT
Approximately 8 - 9 HCPs
Vulnerability and Suit Quality are Important

Advantages of Opening Light

- . Lead directing
- . Obstruct the opponents’ auction
- . Opponents may misjudge their values
- . Steal the hand

Disadvantages of Opening Light

- . May get partner off to a bad lead
- . May help opponents locate high cards and infer distribution
- . Might push opponents into a good contract they weren’t bidding
- . Might get doubled and go down more than expected

“When and Why to Open Light in Third Seat,” with Larry Cohen

<https://www.larryco.com/bridge-articles/whenwhy-to-open-light-in-3rd-seat>

Robert Todd shares his thoughts on Opening light in Third Seat.

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Pass (Pass) ?

- 1). ♠ 762, ♥ KQ1087, ♦ A98, ♣ 92
- 2). ♠ AQ6, ♥ KJ92, ♦ 64, ♣ J976
- 3). ♠ 832, ♥ KJ2, ♦ J764, ♣ AQ4
- 4). ♠ A106, ♥ 765, ♦ KJ84, ♣ 873

Answers

(Source: Paul Lavings)

- 1) 1H — — —> Lead directing Pass whatever partner bids
- 2) 1C — — —> Compete for a partscore
- 3) Pass — —> Better defensive hand
- 4) Pass

Don't be afraid to open 1H/S with a good quality 4-card suit.

42 J8432 KQ8 KQJ —> Pass in 3rd seat. There is little reason to bid. You don't want a H lead.

Source: paloaltobridge.org

Kxx Qxx AKx xxxx	Open 1C —> If partner responds 1D/H/S, just pass.
Kx Qxx KQx Jxxxx	Pass — — —> No length in Majors and you really don't want a C lead.
JTxx AQTxx xx xx	Open 2H — —> Get in the way of Left Hand Opponent
xxx KQTxx KQxx x	Open 1H — —> A Drury bid by partner would be very useful

(Source: Hamilton Bridge Club)

♠ A K 9 4 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ 9 7 6 2 ♣ 3	A light opening of 1♠ might work (it would be a good lead from your partner on defense. However, the singleton club is a major drawback. If partner responds 2♣ you have to pass (light opening hands do not bid again). Your partner will not enjoy playing a 5-1 trump fit. Don't risk an unhappy partner; pass this hand.
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♠	xx			
♥	AKQxxx			
♦	Kx			
♣	Jxx			
W	N	E	S	
	P	P	?	

♠ A K 10 9 4	That spade suit is mighty tempting. Plus, if the opponents have hearts, they will likely buy the contract. But if your partner responds in hearts, you will be embarrassed. What to do? Open 2♠ instead of 1♠.
♥ 10	
♦ J 8 7 3	
♣ 9 6 4	
	Yes, you only have five spades, but so what.

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“It would be nice to open hearts to get the lead, but you have great playing strength for NT. Opening **1NT** may keep the opponents from bidding spades.

Responding to a Third Seat Opening

. A one-over-one response --> **Non-forcing**

If Opener in third seat has full values, he can raise Responder's suit or rebid 1NT.



- . A 1NT response —————> Approximately 6 - 10 pts.
- . A Two-over-One Response --> Shows a 5+ card suit, **NF**
- . A Limit Raise —> 10 - 12 HCPs. With a bad 10 HCPs, make a single raise
- . **2C Drury Convention** —> Responder needs 3 or more of partner's Major, 10+ points

The “Drury Convention” by Larry Cohen

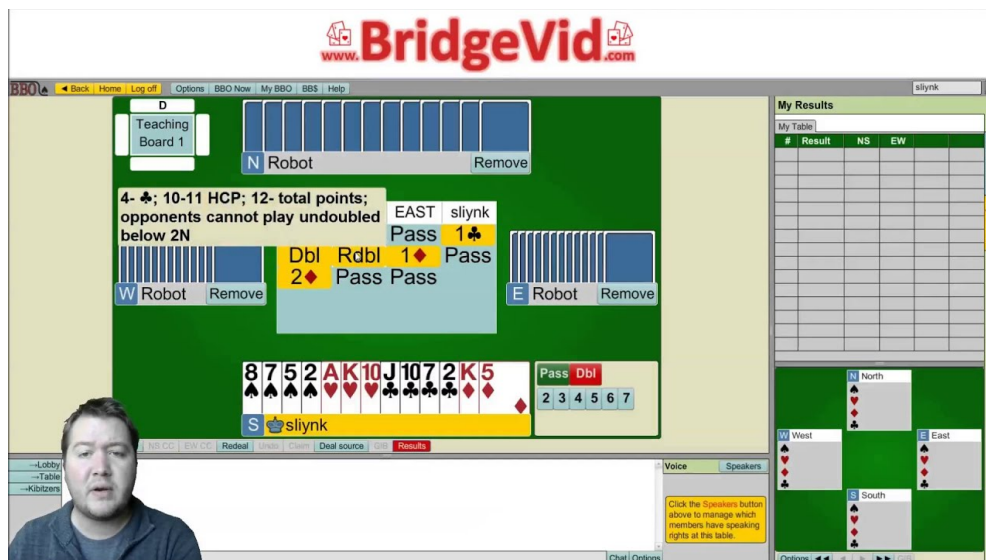
<https://www.larryco.com/bridge-learning-center/detail/309>

“What is a Drury bid in Bridge ,” with Adam and Bajir
https://youtu.be/KW9_7k_jXJg

What Happens If The Opponents Interfere Before Responder Can Make a Drury Bid? (Source: Mike Lawrence)

- . If LHO **doubles**, bids **1S** or a **conventional 1NT** —> **Drury is “on “**
- . Drury is **“off”** after a **natural 1NT** or any bid **2C or higher**.
- . Mike Lawrence recommends using **Drury** in response to a **4th seat** Opening bid. Drury is a **forcing bid**.

“Inferences in a Third Seat Opening,” with Peter Hollands



<https://youtu.be/x6uk-eDt07E>

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Advanced Learners

Joel Wooldridge and Rob Barrington Challenge Match (Part 1 and 2)

(Joel Woodbridge is a multiple National Champion and World Junior Champion.)

<https://youtu.be/zvqazm78jZM>

<https://youtu.be/IGZIoFD1fM8>

