

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Names: Chris Ackerley and Douglas Russell

Country: New Zealand

Event: PABF Senior Cup

Opening bid of 2NT **in** All **seats at** All vulnerabilities

Shows: An extreme 2-suited hand (at least 65), usually weak, maybe stronger in tactical situations

Detailed Description:

We open 2NT on any 2-suited hand with extreme distribution, at least 6/5 in any two suits. The bid can be very weak (having regard to vulnerability) and is primarily destructive in intent. The suits are not required to have any minimum strength, although they are likely to contain reasonable values at adverse vulnerability. Occasionally, a stronger hand may be opened with this bid for tactical purposes, especially facing a passed partner and/or if vulnerable.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid? None

Meanings of other responses and rebids: 3♣ is an enquiry for suits held, all other bids at any level to be passed or corrected to the lowest available bid of opener's suits. 3♣ does not necessarily show values, and it may be very weak or very strong. Opener will generally show his suits at the lowest level: 3♦ for ♦ & ♠, 3♥ for ♥ & ♠, 3♠ for ♠ & ♣, 3NT for the two non-touching possibilities, 4♣ for ♣ & ♦. After 3NT, opener will pass or correct any bid by responder. The forgoing bids may be made at a higher level with the same meaning, but to increase the pre-emption. High level asking bids (RKCB, etc) retain their usual meanings.

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

After double, redouble shows good values and a desire to penalize the opponents, pass invites the opener to show his suits (with 3♣ now available to show the minors), and all other bids retain their meanings as above.

Responses after opponent's overcall: all doubles are now penalty-oriented, and all other bids retain their meaning as above.

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response: as above with the response steps redesignated according to the pass = 0, redouble = 1 principle (P0R1).

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls: bids by either partner are now competitive (with pass or correct options), doubles by responder ONLY are penalty oriented.

Proposed Defence

As the bid is 100% forcing, defenders have the option of passing initially and entering the auction later as appropriate when opener's hand is known. We therefore suggest:

1. An immediate double is penalty-oriented, suggesting a strong balanced hand;
2. Immediate overcalls at any level are natural;
3. An immediate 3NT is a very strong 2 suiter;
4. Pass by 2nd hand and then double is for penalties of the suit bid;
5. Pass by 2nd hand and then cue bid one of opener's suits is take-out;
6. All bids by 4th hand are natural (with double of the 3♣ enquiry showing that suit), with subsequent doubles largely penalty-oriented.