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The Weak Two Bid , part 3

In this issue, we'll discuss how to bid over the opponents weak two bid. Weak two bids are powerful preempts in that they take up a lot of bidding space. Responder should remember not to preempt over a preempt. That is, to have a constructive auction over a weak two bid, advancer (overcaller's partner) needs to be able to count on their partner to have a good hand when they compete. This is the only way that the overcaller's partnership will have any way to determine the total assets of their partnership.

Bidding after a weak 2♥/2♠ opener, this is the structure that I recommend:

2♠/3♣/3♦: a good overcall. Typically a six card suit and good opening bid values.

2NT : A hand that would have opened a strong NT. I would say a good 15 to 18 HCP with a good stopper in the weak two suit.

Cuebid : Strong hand, looking for partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in opener's suit. Typically this is based on a long running minor

3♠ (over a 2♥ opener): a very strong overcall. Six plus card suit, at least an ace better than opening bid values.

3NT : To play. Can be based on a very strong balanced hand, or on a hand with a running minor suit, and a stopper in the weak two bid suit.

4♣/4♦: This is a convention called Leaping Michaels. It shows the bid minor plus the other major. Note that because you are forced to contract for at least 10 tricks, this hand must be strong. Remember, partner may be completely broke. I would suggest something like ♠x, ♥AKJTxx ♦x ♣KQJTxx to bid 4♦ over the opponent's 2♠ opener

4♥/5♣/5♦: To play.

Over a weak 2♦ opener:

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2NT : A hand that would have opened a strong NT. I would say a good 15 to 18 HCP with a good stopper in the weak two suit.

Cuebid : Strong hand, looking for partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in opener's suit. Typically this is based on a long running club suit.

3♥/3♠/4♣ A very strong overcall. Six plus card suit, at least an ace better than opening bid values

4": Leaping Michaels. Shows both majors, and enough values to insist on game. Remember that partner can be completely broke, and has to play the hand on the four level. ♠AKQxx ♥KQJTxx ♦x ♣x might be a typical hand.

An important concept to remember is to have strength when you bid over preemptive calls. If you bid over a preempt with weak values, your partner will take you seriously and bid too much if they have values. If your partner doesn't have values, then the opponents do, and will double you and collect a large penalty.