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SUPP A: Developments after 1C 1 any 1NT (11.5-14)

2C Asks for 5 card majors or support for bid major

Responses are not forcing (including 3C which would show a 6 card suit.)

a 2D response responder can pass, rebid his major NF, bid 2 unbid major (F2NT) to find a 4-4 fit, bid 2NT (invitational) or bid anything at 3 level which is FG.

Note that if responder starts with 1D and then shows a 4 card major (F2NT) his diamonds should be better than his major (either longer or stronger).

On such a sequence opener may show a minimum either by bidding 2NT or 3D. 2S (if sufficient would merely show 4S), 3C is a maximum with D support and weakness in the unbid major.

If opener shows a 5 card major then if the initial response was 1D, responder can bid the other major as a slam try.

After a 1H response, 1S promises clubs and spades, so opener may have either 5S, 3H or both when he rebids 1NT. 2C asks and with 5S and 3H, opener bid spades first as he can support hearts on the next round (if there is one).

Similarly after 1C-1S-1NT-2C if opener has 3S he will bid 2S – if can show 5H on the next round if there is one.

Other Responses:

Rebidding first bid suit is NF at 2 level, Invitational at 3 level. Rebidding higher suit at 2 level is 4-6 F3D. Rebidding 3C should show 4-6 (hand not strong enough to start with 2C which would have been F2NT. 1C-1M-1NT-3 lower suit (not C) is invitational 5-5.

SUPP B: 1M 2NT

This shows a sound raise to 3M or better. Responses are:

3C shows a singleton in either clubs or the other major then:

3D = Relay: 3M shows Minimum with C shortage (NF)

3OM shows Extras with C shortage

3NT shows minimum with shortage in OM

Others show Max with shortage in OM

3M is Non-Forcing

3OM shows 4.

3D shows a singleton D

3M then is NF.

3M Minimum no singleton

3OM second suit. Note with a minimum 4-5-2-2 after 1H-2NT opener bids 3H (NF) – responder can bid 3S to show 4 on way to 4H.

Note that this means that a sequence such as 1H 1S- 2C-3H should show 5 spades and 3 hearts.

SUPP C: Responding to 1NT

2C Asks for 5 card Majors: All responses are NF: 2D No 5CM or bid 5CM.

After 2D response, 2M = NAT 4 cards F2NT, 2NT no M Invitational, 3m NAT FG, 3H 5-5 in Ms NF, 3S 5-5 M FG+. Over the latter opener can bid 4C to agree H and 4D to agree S (both should show 3rd round control in other M.)

If responder shows 4CM and then bids minor it will 5 cards.

If Opener shows 5CM then continuations are natural except bidding the other major is artificial suggesting a fit and slam interest. A jump in new suit should be a splinter.

If opponents come in after 2C, 1st double is for T/O and opener must allow for fact that responder may be weak.

2D/2H are Normal transfers but note jump in new suit thereafter is a self agreeing splinter. New suit at 3 level is FG (direct support shows 4 cards and 3rd round control in shown major).

Transfer breaks, new suit shows good 5 with 3 in major, 2NT 4 in M, max high cards, 3H min 4 card support but not 4-3-3-3.

After interference openers action suggests support for partners major.

2S/2N Minor Suit transfers. Responders suit rebid shows shortage. Opener completes transfer with 3 card support or Hx in hand that wishes to play 3NT opposite HHxxxx.

3 suit Single suited slam try no shortage. After this start 4NT is always RKCB.

After 1NT in competition: **THEY**

Bid natural suit: X TO, 2NT- through 3H transfers, 3S minors probably 5D 4C.

Show anchor suit: X shows general values, bid their suit for TO. 2N up transfers.

Show 2 suits: X values, bid either suit is natural and F1, 2N up transfers.

Show multi-type: X TO hearts, 2NT shape suitable TO spades.

They X: XX shows 5 card suit, bid at 3 level after would be FG. Suit bid shows that suit and a higher one but 2S is just S. 3 suit invitational, 2NT asks for 3C then bids weak,

SUPP D: 2C 2M

This shows at least 5 in a hand with interest in playing game opposite a suitable weak 2 in diamonds. With a weak 2D opener may:

Pass, rebid 2S or 2NT (max 2D bids), 3M, 4M, 3D dislike M and good intermediate in suit.

With a strong 2C, opener can bid, 3C, 3OM, 3NT, (4C cue), 4D or 4NT (RKCB)

SUPP E: 2C 2D Continuations

2H FG in hearts or 25+ balanced

Responder normally bids 2S but may transfer to suit of HHxxxx quality.

2S/3m Natural FG

2NT 23-24 with normal responses to 2NT

3H,3S,4C,4D show 4-4-4-1 with shortage in suit above. Bid short suit asks for controls starting with 0-6.

3NT To play based on long minor

4M To play one suited 9 trick hand

SUPP F: 2C 2NT Enquiry

3C shows max weak 2,

3D shows minimum weak 2.

Higher bids show strong 2C openings, e.g. 4H would now be 1-4-4-4 with 4S relay.

SUPP G: 3C relay over 2D opening> Responses are:

3D 11-13 4-4-4-1 Then 3M,4D invitational or 4C CA (0-2).

3H 14-16 4-4-4-1 (FG) Then 4C relay: Control asking CA (0-3)

3S 17-19 4-4-4-1 Then 4C relay: CA (0-4)

3NT 11-14 4-4-5-0 Then 4C relay: CA (0-2)

SUPP H: Responding to 2NT

If opener shows 5M in response to 3C, bid in other major shows slam interest. So 2NT-3C-3H-4C would be natural.

After 2NT-3C-3D- responder bids 4CM, 5Cm or 4H 5-5 Ms (pick), 4S 5-5 M slam interest.

With 5S and 4H responder can show the 4H and then bid 4S to play. Not that with 2S and 3H opener will bid 3NT over 3C.

Transfer to 3S followed by 4H shows 5-4 and values for 4NT (and is Forcing to 4NT!).

Transfer to major and raise to game is mild slam try, With desire to play 4H or strong interest in salm responder starts with 4D.