

# Openings

(X) -Stopper;  $\square$  -Cards in;  $\uparrow$  - NoTrumps

## One $\uparrow$ opening

$\frac{O \quad R \quad O \quad R}{1\uparrow^N} 15 \text{ to } 18\frac{H}{F}$  (5332 or 4432 or 4333)

2♣ Must have exactly 4♠ or 4♥

2♦ Must have exactly 4♠ or 4♥

2♥ or 2♠ ⇒ 4♠ or 4♥ 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ both 4♠ and 4♥, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 4♠ or 4♥ 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

3 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ both 4♠ and 4♥, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♥ ⇒ 5♥ 15-16 $\frac{H}{F}$

$\frac{P}{a} \frac{S}{s} \Rightarrow \leq 3\heartsuit$  7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♠ ⇒  $\leq 2\heartsuit$ , 4♠, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ balanced hand, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♥ ⇒ 3♥, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♠ ⇒  $\leq 2\heartsuit$ , 4♠, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

3 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ balanced hand, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

4♥ ⇒ 3♥, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♠ ⇒ 5♠ 15-16 $\frac{H}{F}$

$\frac{P}{a} \frac{S}{s} \Rightarrow \leq 3\spadesuit$  7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ balanced hand 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♥ ⇒  $\leq 2\spadesuit$ , 4♥ 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♠ ⇒ 3♠, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ balanced hand, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

4♠ ⇒ 3♠, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒  $\leq 4\heartsuit$  and  $\leq 4\spadesuit$  15-16 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♣ or 3♦ ⇒ 5♠ or 5♥

3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 5♥ or 5♠, 17-18 $\frac{H}{F}$

3 $\uparrow^N$   $\leq 4\heartsuit$ ,  $\leq 4\spadesuit$ , 17-18 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♦  $\geq 5\heartsuit$ ; Jacoby Transfer to

2♥ complete transfer

$\frac{P}{a} \frac{S}{s}$  with  $\leq 6\frac{H}{F}$   
 2♠ or 3♣ or 3♦ ⇒ (X) in suit, 5♥, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ 5♥, no stoppers, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 3♥ ⇒ 6♥, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 3 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ 5♥, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 4♥ ⇒ 6♥, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♥  $\geq 5$  card ♠; Jacoby Transfer to  
 2♠

$\frac{P}{a} \frac{S}{s}$  with  $\leq 6\frac{H}{F}$   
 2 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ 5♠, no (X), 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 3♣ or 3♦ or 3♥ ⇒ (X) in suit, 5♠, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 3♠ ⇒ 6♠, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 3 $\uparrow^N$  ⇒ 5♠, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$   
 4♠ ⇒ 6♠, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$

2♠ ⇒ ♣♦ stayman 4♠ and 4♥ 7+ $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$  (X) in ♠, ♥, 15-16 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♣ or 3♦ 4♠ or 4♥

3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ (X) in suit, ask for help in other

3 $\uparrow^N$  (X) in ♠, ♥, 17-18 $\frac{H}{F}$

2 $\uparrow^N$   $\leq 3\spadesuit$  and  $\leq 3\heartsuit$ , 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♣ or 3♦ or 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒  $\geq 15\frac{H}{F}$ ,  $\leq 1\heartsuit$  bid suit,

3 suited hand - 4441 or 5440

3 $\uparrow^N$   $\leq 3\spadesuit$  or 3♥, 9-12 $\frac{H}{F}$ .

4♣ ⇒ Gerber

4♦ or 4♥ ⇒ Texas Transfer

## 1 $\uparrow^N$ Opening, interference with natural Overcall (Lebensohl)

$\frac{O \quad R \quad O \quad R}{1\uparrow^N} - 2\heartsuit$  (Interference)

$\frac{d}{bl} 2\uparrow^N \Rightarrow 5\spadesuit$  or 5♥ or 5♦, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♣ with 15-16 $\frac{H}{F}$

$\frac{P}{a} \frac{S}{s} \Rightarrow 5\spadesuit$ , 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♦ or 3♥ ⇒ 5♦ or 5♥, 7-8 $\frac{H}{F}$

3♠

3♦ with 17-18<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 5♥ or 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 5♦, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ or 3♦ or 3♥ ⇒ 5♠ or 5♥ or 5♥  
 no (X) in ♠, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ no (X) in ♠, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

1<sup>N</sup> - 2♥ (Interference)

<sup>d</sup><sub>b1</sub>  
 2♠ ⇒ 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 5♠ or 5♥, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 5♠, (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ with 15-16<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
<sup>a</sup><sub>ss</sub> ⇒ 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒ 5♥, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒  
 3♠ ⇒ 5♠, (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ with 17-18<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒ 5♠, (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 5♥, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ or 3♦ ⇒ 5♠ or 5♥, no (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒  
 3♠ ⇒ 5♥, no (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ no (X) in ♥, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

1<sup>N</sup> - 2♦ (Interference)

<sup>d</sup><sub>b1</sub>  
 2♥ or 2♠ ⇒ 5♥ or 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2<sup>N</sup> 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 5♠ or 5♥, (X) in ♦, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ with 15-16<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
<sup>a</sup><sub>ss</sub> 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒  
 3♥ or 3♠ 5♥ or 5♠, (X) in ♦, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ with 17-18<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 5♥ or 5♠, (X) in ♦, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

3♣ or 3♥ or 3♠ 5♠ or 5♥ or 5♠,  
 no (X) in ♦, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒  
 3<sup>N</sup> no (X) in ♦, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

1<sup>N</sup> - 2♣ (Interference)

<sup>d</sup><sub>b1</sub> ⇒  
 2♦ or 2♥ or 2♠ ⇒ 5♦ or 5♥ or 5♠, 7-8<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2<sup>N</sup> 5♠ or 4♥ or 5♥, (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ with 15-16<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ or 3♥ or 3♠ 5♥ or 5♠ or 5♦,  
 (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ with 17-18<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 5♥ or 5♠, (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> 5♦, (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒  
 3♦ or 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 5♦ or 5♥ or 5♠,  
 no (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ no (X) in ♣, 9+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

**2♣ opening**

Playing tricks: 8.5 if ♠♥, 9.5 if ♦♣, 3 Quick Tricks, Quick Tricks > Losers.  
 Quick Tricks: A or KQ is 1; AK is 2; K is 0.5; AQ is 1.5  
 Losers: Missing A,K or Q (<=3); less for singletons, <sup>d</sup>tons.

**Responses**

2♦ ⇒ semi-positive, at least 2 queens or a king.  
 2♥ ⇒ "<sup>d</sup><sub>b1</sub>-negative" - fewer than 2 queens or a king.  
 2♠ ⇒ a heart positive  
 2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ a spade positive

**Major Suit Openings**

1♥

1<sup>N</sup> semiforcing, ≤2<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, ≤10<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 P<sub>ss</sub> 5332 or 5422 bad ♥ & 11-13<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♣ 2♦ ⇒ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or <sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♥ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, not forcing, 6+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♠ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 4+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2<sup>N</sup> 16-18<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, balanced  
 3♣ or 3♦ ⇒ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 6+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 1♠ ⇒ natural, forcing, 4<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 6+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♣ or 2♦ ⇒ 5+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 5+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♥ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 4♥ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 4+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒ 4-6<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 4+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, not forcing

2♠ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♠♦, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.  
 3♣ ⇒ Asking bid  
 3♦ or 3♥ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.

3♠ or 4♠ or 4♦ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♠♣♦, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 13-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.  
 3<sup>N</sup> or 4♥ ⇒ signoff

2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> (responder takes charge)  
 3♥ or 4♥ ⇒ 6<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 12+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 13-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♣ ⇒ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 13-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ Asking bid  
 3♠ or 4♠ or 4♦ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♠♣♦  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ NO 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ or 4♠ or 4♦ ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 11-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♠♣♦  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, ≤12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

1♠

1<sup>N</sup> semiforcing, ≤2<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, ≤10<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

P<sub>ss</sub> 5332 or 5422 bad ♠ & 11-13<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♣ or 2♦ or 2♥ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♠ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, not forcing, 6+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
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 3♣ or 3♦ or 3♥ ⇒ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 3<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 6+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

2♣ or 2♦ or 2♥ ⇒ 5+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 5+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 5+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 2♠ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒ 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 4♠ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 4+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ 4-6<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> & 4+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♠ ⇒ 11-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, not forcing

3♣ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.  
 3♦ ⇒ Asking bid  
 3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> or 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 10-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.

4♣ or 4♦ or 4♥ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♣♦♥, 3+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 13-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>.  
 4♠ ⇒ signoff

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 3♣ ⇒ 16+<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♦ ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 13-15<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 3♥ ⇒ Asking bid  
 4♣ or 4♦ or 4♥ ⇒ 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♣♦♥  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ NO 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>  
 4♣ or 4♦ or 4♥ ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 11-12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub> in ♣♦♥  
 3<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 5<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, ≤12<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>, no 0-1<sup>H</sup><sub>F</sub>

## Minor Suit Openings

Inverted Minor Raise

1♣

1<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 6-9HC<sub>ss</sub> balanced hand; Denies 4♥ or 4♠;

Does not deny 4♣

2♣ ⇒ 10+<sup>H</sup> & 5♣ denies 4♥ or 4♠

2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 4-6<sup>H</sup> & 5+♣, 0-1<sup>□</sup>; denies 4♥ and 4♠

3♣ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup> & 5♣; denies 4♥ or 4♠

1♦

1<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 6-9HC<sup>P</sup> balanced hand; Denies 4♥ and 4♠;

Does not deny 4♦

2♦ ⇒ 10+<sup>H</sup> & 4♦; denies 4♥ and 4♠

3♣ ⇒ 4-6<sup>H</sup> & 4+♦, 0-1<sup>□</sup>; denies 4♥ and 4♠

3♦ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup> & 4+♦; denies 4-card major;

## Opponent Interference

After a takeout  $b_1^d$  by opponent:

over 1♠ or 1♥ opening

$reb_1^d$  ⇒ 11+<sup>H</sup> with ≤2 trumps

2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 10-12<sup>H</sup> with at least 3 trumps (Truscott)

3♥ or 3♠ ⇒ 7-9<sup>H</sup> with 4 trumps or 0-1<sup>□</sup>

Re $b_1^d$  of takeout  $b_1^d$

**by responder:**

1♣ -  $b_1^d$  - R $b_1^d$  ⇒ ≥10<sup>H</sup>, strength in other suits (probably short in opener's suit),

Interest in penalty-doubling any bid that the opponents will run to.

**by opener:**

1♣ -  $\frac{P}{SS} - \frac{P}{SS} - b_1^d - Rb_1^d$  ⇒ balancing  $b_1^d$ , more strength than previously shown.

1♣ -  $b_1^d - \frac{P}{SS} - \frac{P}{SS} - Rb_1^d$  ⇒ after a passed TO $b_1^d$  (converted into penalty by opps): HELP

Negative  $b_1^d$  and

Negative Free Bids (NFB)

After a suit overcall of partner's 1♣ opening:

$b_1^d$  ⇒ negative: 7-11<sup>H</sup>, no 5<sup>□</sup> suit\* or 12+<sup>H</sup>.

Cue Bid (CB) ⇒ 12+<sup>H</sup>, no 5<sup>□</sup> suit\*.

New-suit bid (NFB) ⇒ 5-11<sup>H</sup>, 5+<sup>□</sup> suit

(except 1♥ or 1♠ over 1♣ - 1♦)

1<sup>N</sup> ⇒ 12+<sup>H</sup>, (X) in opp suit.

$b_1^d$ \* with 7-11<sup>H</sup> or Cue Bid (CB\*) with 12+<sup>H</sup>

1. If ♥ or ♠ has been bid,  $b_1^d$  or CB ⇒ 4<sup>□</sup> other ♠♥

2. If both ♠♥ unbid  $b_1^d$  or CB ⇒ 4♥ or 4♠

except (P)1♣ - (opp)1♦ -  $b_1^d$ : ⇒ both ♥ and ♠

3. If both ♠♥ have been bid,  $b_1^d$  or CB ⇒ 4♦ and 4♣.

$b_1^d$  with 12+<sup>H</sup>

Any distribution not implied by Cue Bid or  $b_1^d$

Any new-suit rebid by responder 5+<sup>□</sup>, forcing.

$b_1^d$  does not ⇒ the expected 4<sup>□</sup> suit with 12+<sup>H</sup>

Negative Freebids All bids 1♥ to 3♠; 5-11<sup>H</sup>

New-suit bids of 1♥ to 3♠ (instead of doubling)

⇒ 5-11<sup>H</sup> and 5+<sup>□</sup> except over 1♣ - 1♦ overcall.

1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠: ⇒ 5♠, 5-11<sup>H</sup>

1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ or 1♠ ⇒ 4♥ or 4♠, 5-11<sup>H</sup>

exception; as  $b_1^d$  ⇒ ♠ and ♥

1♦ - 2♠ - 2♥ ⇒ 5♥, 5-11<sup>H</sup>

An opponent overcalls your side's opening bid.

Responder has a long suit that cannot be shown at the one-level. Use NFB

3 level NFB: Jump-Shift ⇒ ≥6+<sup>□</sup>, 10-11<sup>H</sup>

These free bids are negative as they're non-forcing.

Opener can  $\frac{P}{SS}$  with a minimum opening.

## Examples and Why NFB

(P)1♦ - (opp)1♠

2♠ with ♠53 ♥Q32 ♦J82 ♣KQJ98 ( $b_1^d$  ⇒ 4♥)

3♦ with ♠93 ♥KJ8 ♦J9 ♣KQJ982 ( $b_1^d$  ⇒ 4♥)

3♥ with ♠J3 ♥KQJ986 ♦92 ♣KJ8  
 6<sub>1</sub> with ♠K32 ♥KJ8 ♦73 ♣KQJ98  
 (6<sub>1</sub> does not ⇒ 4<sub>1</sub> and 2♦ is ≤ 11<sub>1</sub><sup>H</sup>)

2♥ with ♠53 ♥KJ8743 ♦82 ♣K82  
 Usual solution is negative 6<sub>1</sub>. Since partner will seldom be kind enough to bid hearts, you plan on bidding 2♥ over his expected rebid of 1<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup>, 2♣ or 2♦. But what if LHO raises his partner's ♠. When the auction is passed back to you, you'll have another dilemma - <sup>P</sup><sub>ss</sub>, lose a possible partscore, or risk a 3♥ bid, which could be a disaster if partner doesn't have a suitable trump holding.

2♣ with ♠643 ♥842 ♦Q7 ♣KQJT3  
 The negative 6<sub>1</sub> isn't even an option. You're more or less "stuck" with passing, hoping you can show your hand later. If LHO raises his partner's ♠ overcall, you may be shut out forever. Even if LHO passes, partner reopens with a 6<sub>1</sub>, you have no good way to describe this hand. A jump to 3♣ would show some values, but virtually promises a 6-card suit., 2♣ is somewhat of an underbid, since you have a considerably better suit, hand than partner might expect.

## Roman Key Card 0314

4<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> asks for Key Cards: Aces plus K of Trumps  
 5<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> does not necessarily ask for kings. If Partner bids 5♣ or 5♦, responder bids the cheapest bid short of signoff to ask for the queen. The second step asks for kings.

## Responses

5♣ shows 0 or 3 key cards  
 To ask for trump Q, bid  
 5♦ if trump is ♣/♥/♠, 5♥ if trump is D  
 To ask for Kings, bid  
 5♠ if trump is ♦/♥, 5♥ if trump is ♣/♠

5♦ shows 1 or 4 key cards  
 To ask for trump Q, bid  
 5♥ if trump is ♣/♦/♠, 5♠ if trump is ♥  
 To ask for Kings, bid  
 5♠ if trump is ♣/♦, 5<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> if trump is ♥/♠

Answer to Q ask bid:

With Q: Bid the trump suit at the cheapest level

Without Q: With K: Bid the nearest suit with K.

Without K: Bid 5<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup>.

5♥ shows 2 or 5 without the trump queen

To ask for Kings, bid

5♠ if trump is ♣/♦ ♥, 5<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> if trump is ♠

5♠ shows 2 or 5 with the trump queen

To ask for Kings, bid 5<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup>

Showing kings each step shows 0,1,2,3 kings

## 2<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> 20 to 22<sub>1</sub><sup>H</sup>

Same as 1<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> opening (4<sub>1</sub><sup>H</sup> instead of 8<sub>1</sub><sup>H</sup> for responses)

## 3<sub>1</sub><sup>N</sup> Gambling

Solid 7-card ♦♣ suit with 7 immediately tricks plus stoppers in 2 other suits.