

Review of bids and plays {part II }

1) Weak take out bid to 1NT opener *after* an intervening bid

e.g

N	E	S	W
1NT	2C	2H	

2H is still a weak take out promising 5 + cards and a weakish hand.

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N	E	S	W
1NT	2S	3H	

3H is also a weak take out promising 5 + cards and a weakish hand.

NB the responder to the NT opener bids at the lowest available level to show a weak take out.

Clearly South's weak take out would have some values as they could pass otherwise!

South might have this hand for the above bids :

xx ---AQxxxx --Qxx -xx

2) Responding to an Acol Two

e.g 2H ----- 2NT

xxx
Qxx
Kxxxx
Jxx

{negative -no Ace + King}

e.g 2D----- 2H

Ax
Kxxxx
xxx
xxx

{positive -no Ace + King}

e.g 2Sp ----- 3Sp

Kxxx
Axx
xxxx
xx

{positive with trump support }

e.g 2H----- 4H

QJx
Kxxx
Qxxx
xx

{semi positive with trump support }

3) Strong No Trump overall

N	E	S	W
1H	1NT		
	xxx		
	KJx		
	AQxx		
	KQx		

1NT is 15--17, is balanced and has a "stop" in the opponents opening suit.

West can bid Stayman {2c} or bid the usual weak or strong takeouts.