



The opener's double after an overcall

The opener rebids with a double

The opener's double can be:

- a sputnik double with three cards in the responder's suit
- a penalty double if the responder made a jump shift 2 over 1, or if the responder redoubled.

S	W	N	E
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♦
X			

K	4	2	A	10	7	A	K	9	4	2	A	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E1006 The opener's sputnik double.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠
Pass			

K	J	9	8	A	Q	10	7	4	A	10	8	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦

Problem E1013 A penalty double after the responder's jump shift 2 over 1.



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The opener's sputnik double.

After his partner's response at the one level, the double is part of the sputnik family and shows:

- a strong opening hand
- three cards in the responder's major.

The redouble after the responder's sputnik double means the same if the opponents have a fit.

9	6	5	3	2	Q	J	10	8	5	A	K	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦
S			W		N		E					
1 ♦			Pass		1 ♥		2 ♣					
X												
7	4	A	K	9	3	2	A	Q	10	9	7	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E1011 A sputnik double after the responder's bid at the one level. This shows a strong opening hand and three cards in the responder's major.

6	K	Q	10	6	2	A	8	6	5	7	4	3
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦
S			W		N		E					
1 ♦			1 ♠		X		2 ♠					
X			3 ♣		4 ♥		4 ♠					
X												
A	7	4	A	J	9	7	3	A	J	10	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E6449 The opener's first double is a sputnik double because the opponents have a fit.



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The opener's penalty double.

The opener's double is a penalty double when the bidding sequence clearly shows that their side has point majority and that the foolhardy opponents should be punished. This is the case when:

- - the responder changed suit 2 over 1
- - the responder redoubled. (10+HCP)

If his Partner makes a sputnik double and the opponents don't have a fit, the double is a penalty double (but if they have a fit it is a takeout double)

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	X	XX	2 ♦
X			

A	8	A	Q	9	7	4	K	10	Q	10	9	6
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E1021 A penalty double when the responder redoubled.



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After the responder's sputnik double, is the double a penalty double or a takeout double?

- The opener's double is a takeout double if the opponents have a fit.
- The opener's double is a penalty double if the opponents don't have a fit.

Q	J	10	8	9	7	5	Q	7	A	9	8	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 ♦	2 ♣	X	4 ♣
X			

A	K	9	7	A	J	10	6	2	Q	J	10	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4721 Your double cannot be a penalty double. The responder knows that the opponents have ten trumps. He will bid game in his best major.