



Overcalls after Opener's pre-empt

Overcalls after Opener's pre-empt need to have 1 level opening values... No weak overcalls after a pre-empt : because Opp's punitive double is looming !

With 4 cards in the other suits : double you can have 3 cards in a minor but not more!

With 6 cards in a suit or 5 "nice" cards and an interesting distribution, bid the suit

Be Careful! After a pre-empt, never bid a Michaels cue-bid. With 2-suiters there are specific conventions you can use.

5	3	2	A	K	J	10	J	6	2	8	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			3 ♣
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

A	K	Q	10	9	8	5	2	A	5	J	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E7225 3♠ Everything has fallen into place.. a "nice" 5-carder, 14HCP and a favorable vulnerability.

A	K	J	10	6	5	4	A	4	3	10	9	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			3 ♦
3 ♥			

6	5	2	A	K	Q	J	10	10	9	8	A	5
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E5407 3♥ Overcall with a "nice" 5-carder and maximum opening values at the 1 level.



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- a take-out double on an opening in a major suit promises 1 level opening values, the other major with 4 cards and at least 3 cards in both minors.
- a take-out double on an opening in a minor suit promises 4 cards in both the majors and at least 3 cards in the other minor suit.

Be Careful! These take-out doubles are for all the non-bid suits.

K	10	9	10	9	8	5	4	3	5	4	K	Q
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			3 ♣
X			

A	7	6	5	A	K	Q	7	6	A	J	A	J
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E5408 Double these hearts will take you to Slam (Deal 7104)

K	6	9	7	5	A	8	7	6	K	J	7	6
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			3 ♠
X			

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

Problem E5410 Double An almost perfect distribution for this take-out double.



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With 2-suiter hands (2 suits with at least 5 cards and honors concentrated in these 2 suits):

On a pre-empt opening of 3♣ or 3♦, the cue-bid shows a 2-suiter in both majors

On a major opening, a cue-bid shows a 2-suiter in the other major and a minor

4NT shows a 2-suiter in the minors on a 3♥ or 3♠ pre-empt.

S	W	N	E
			3♥
4♥			

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

Problem E4863 4♥ This cue-bid shows ♠ and a unknown minor. Here it's diamonds.

S	W	N	E
			3♠
4 NT			

3	6	A	Q	J	10	9	7	A	Q	10	8	7
♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E20292 Your partner will choose ♣ or ♦