



Overcalls with a two-suiter in the majors

Two-suiter (both majors) overcalls after an opening in a minor at the 1 level

After an opening in a minor at the 1 level, the bid 2♦ is conventional. It means :

- 2 strong majors with 5 cards. Generally speaking each one of the majors should have 2 of the big 3 honors ... but not always.
- a point count of at least 7-8HCP (no limit)
- You should be more concerned about the quality of the majors and vulnerability than your HCP!

S	W	N	E
			1♦
1♥			



Problem E5390 1♥ No Michaels cue-bid with 2-suiters that are 5-4!



S	W	N	E
			1♦
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♣
4♣	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♥			



Problem E6642 2♦ A Michaels cue-bid isn't restricted in points. Avoid doubling when you have a 2-suiter majors.



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Responding bids on a 2-suiter major overcall

- With a fit and a few HCP, P should support the overcall.
- The number of trump cards and the whereabouts of the honors are determined by the level of support
- Vulnerability also plays a determining role...

K	Q	10	5	4	Q	J	9	6	5	8	Q	9
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
	1♦	2♦	2♠
3♥	3NT	4♥	X
Pass			

J	6	K	10	7	3	6	5	4	3	2	6	5
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E8644 3♥ responding bid on P's 2♦ overcall. The support bid at the 3 level is justified because of the 4 trump cards. All HCP are useful.

A	K	10	6	5	A	K	10	7	3	A	3	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦

S	W	N	E
	1♦	2♦	3♦
Pass	Pass	X	4♦
4♥			

4	2	Q	J	6	8	6	5	4	2	9	6	2
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E8641 Pass Here after your P's overcall, your hand is too weak to bid at the 3 level.



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Overcaller's 2nd bid after his 2-suiter overcall. :

After a weak or just average overall, the Overcaller passes or if the vulnerability is favorable bids a "sack" contract

With a strong 2-suiter, Overcaller can double if Opp rebids to force his Partner to choose the best major for the team.

After a support bid and Slam hopes, Overcaller can start the controls or can cue-bid Opener's bid.

7	5	K	4	3	A	4	3	2	J	7	6	5
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
2 ♦	3 ♦	3 ♥	Pass
Pass			

K	Q	9	4	2	Q	J	10	6	5	7	5	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦

Problem E6646 **PASS** With this poor overcall - don't bid any higher!