



The minor/major double

This is the most frequent two-suited overcall after a 1NT opening. (There are 4 possible combinations...against only one for the Landy!)It promises:

- A minor of at least 5 cards, a four-card major,
- at least 10 or so HCP and, above all, the high cards concentrated in the long suits.

Remember, to overcall after a 1NT opening, distribution is more important than the number of points.



double After a 1NT opening the double shows a two-suiter with a five-card minor and a four-card major.



double With such a hand don't hesitate to double (minor/major)!

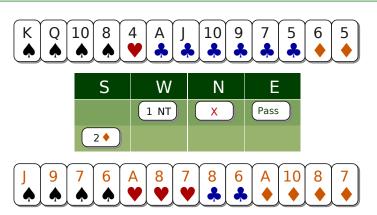
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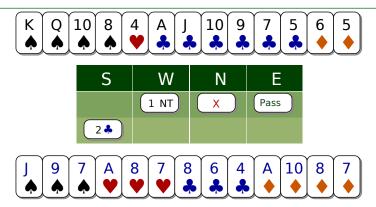


The ensuing bids

- If your Partner wishes to know the long minor suit, he bids 2 clubs.
- If he wishes to know the 4 card major, he bids 2 diamonds.
- With a strong hand your Partner can pass and turn the double into a penalty double!



2 diamonds with a 4 card major ask your Partner, who doubled, to name his major to see if a fit exists.



2 clubs You are bound to have a minor fit. Ask your Partner, who doubled, to name his minor .

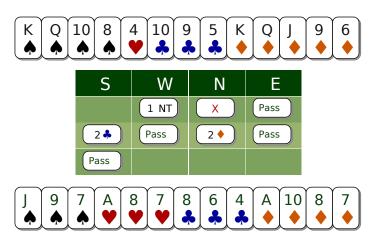
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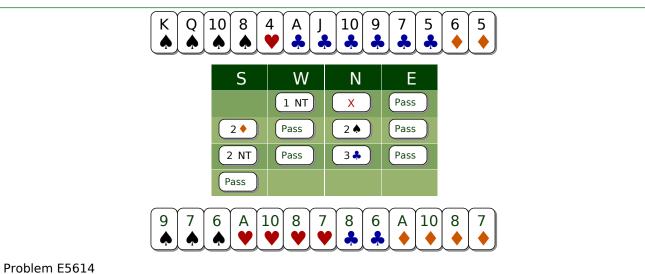


The bidding after the doubler's Partner has replied 2 clubs or 2 diamonds

- After your bid of 2 diamonds, pass if the major called by the doubler suits you. If not, bid 2NT to find refuge in the minors (not to play 2NT of course!)
- After your bid of 2 clubs, pass after your Partner bids his minor.



Pass Your Partner has bid 2 diamonds in reply to your 2 club bid which asked him for his long minor. You are going to play this contract relaxed!



Not fitted in the Major... to play a & contract

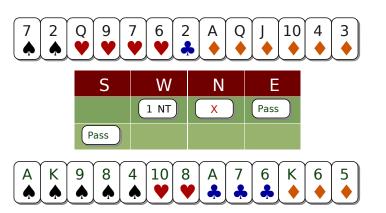
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The ensuing bidding: your Partner passes with a strong hand and turns the double into a penalty double.



Pass South, who knows that his side has the majority of points by far, passes and cashes 3 down doubled and vulnerable...