



## The Rubensohl after a 1NT opening and a 2 diamond overcall

**The Rubensohl is used by the responder after a 1NT opening and an overcall. Zia recommends that experienced players use this system.**

After a natural overcall of 2 diamonds:

- all the responder's bids in a suit at the two level are natural
- from 2NT onwards all bids are Texas transfer bids. 2NT is therefore artificial (Texas for clubs)
- the impossible Texas is a Stayman
- the double is a takeout. It could be a Stayman with just 8HCP or show a balanced hand of 8HCP or more.

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

  

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♦
2 ♠			

  

Q	10	9	8	4	3	7	4	3	7	4	3	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦

### Problème E9089

2 spades which shows five spades and a hand limited to 7HCP maximum

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♦
X	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	Pass		

K	7	6	5	A	8	7	6	8	7	6	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

### Problème E9011

double This multi-purpose double takes the place of the Stayman.



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### After a natural overcall of 2 diamonds

- The responder's bids
- in a suit at the two level are natural and non forcing. They are limited to a maximum of 7HCP.
- The double is not punitive. It requires at least 7-8HCP and often reveals a hand that would have bid 2NT without the overcall. The double asks the Partner to bid a four or five-card suit or to bid NT if he has stoppers in the overcall suit. With a suitable hand, the opener can also pass and transform the double into a punitive one! With a hand of just 8HCP it can also be used by the responder as a Stayman non game forcing.

K	Q	6	5	J	5	A	K	5	4	A	8	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

  

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♦
2 ♥	Pass		

  

8	3	Q	10	9	6	4	Q	10	9	6	5	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

#### Problème E9004

2 hearts A natural bid with five hearts and less than 8HCP. This is a stop.

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

  

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

  

A	J	4	10	6	5	9	8	4	3	K	7	6
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

#### Problème E9003

Double Here this multi-purpose double corresponds to the 2NT bid that you would have made without the overcall. Remember that 2NT would be Texas for clubs in this situation!



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### The Texas responses

From 2NT onwards all the responses are Texas. The impossible Texas (for the overcall suit) is a Stayman. This forcing bid requires 8HCP and at least one four-card major.

- 1NT - 2 diamonds - 2NT = Texas for clubs (it guarantees 6 cards)
- 1NT - 2 diamonds - 3 clubs = the impossible Texas. The responder cannot want to play 3 diamonds so it's a game-forcing Stayman.
- 1NT - 2 diamonds - 3 diamonds = Texas for hearts
- 1NT - 2 diamonds - 3 hearts = Texas for spades
- 1NT - 2 diamonds - 4 diamonds = either a weak Stayman or at least a regular hand of 8-9HCP

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

  

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

  

A	Q	J	4	K	8	7	6	J	7	6	5	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

#### Problème E9013

3 clubs - the impossible Texas. You can't possibly want to play in the overcall suit! It's a game-forcing Stayman.