

Responding to No Trump Openers – Part 2



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Joke Time



Donald Trump challenges Obama to a footrace.

Despite Trump's boasting before the race about how amazingly he will run and how poorly Obama will do, the fact is that Obama wins the race.

Immediately after, Trump tweets:

“As predicted, I did amazingly in the race, and Obama turned in a shameful performance. I won second place, and Obama finished next to last.”

From Last Wednesday

Only 3 pairs got to 6NT (it makes 7).

Dir: S
 Vul: NS
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♠ 9 8 7 6 5 3 2
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ 9 7 6 5
 ♣ -----

♠ A K J ♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ K J 6 2 ♥ A 4 3
 ♦ K Q ♦ A J 8 2
 ♣ K Q J 6 ♣ A 5 3

♠ -----
 ♥ Q 9 7 5
 ♦ 10 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 4 2

[Double Dummy Makes ?](#)
 N/S: ♣2 ♦0 ♥1 ♠3 NT0
 E/W: 5♣ 1♦ 3/2♥ 4♠ 7NT

[Par Score ?](#)
 Par: -1520 7NT-EW



Board 15

Contract	Result	Score		Matchpoints		Pairs
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
3 NT W	+1	-430	430	8.00	0.00	7 - Jim Smith & Jan Smith vs 6 - Joyce Pilgrim & Denice Mihelic
3 NT E	+2	-460	460	6.50	1.50	5 - Phil O'Carroll & Caroline Roof vs 2 - Maria Dion & Elaine DeBlasi
3 NT E	+2	-460	460	6.50	1.50	13 - Bob Fusinati & Jan Fusinati vs 5 - Cheryl Matter & Jeannette Ricardo
3 NT W	+3	-490	490	4.50	3.50	8 - Erick Sturcke & Chuck Crockett vs 8 - Ben Shabtay & Dave Harrison
3 NT W	+3	-490	490	4.50	3.50	3 - Dorothy Tuman & Kristi Schulenburg vs 11 - Claire Snow & Frieda Sumpter
3 NT E	+4	-520	520	3.00	5.00	1 - Norma Stewart & Laurie King vs 7 - Cindy Myers & Bonnie Piatek
6 NT E	+1	-1020	1020	1.00	7.00	6 - Marge Shadowen & Paul Shadowen vs 4 - Michael Papathakis & Eric Moore
6 NT E	+1	-1020	1020	1.00	7.00	4 - Jean Snow & Argene Tisdale vs 13 - Lilia Shabtay & Kathy LaFollette
6 NT W	+1	-1020	1020	1.00	7.00	2 - Larry Adcock & Dianne Siepiela vs 9 - Tom Henley & Roy Harsh

North	East	South	West
		Pass	2C*
Pass	2D*	Pass	2NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Definition of a Flat Hand:

4*, 3, 3, 3 (*Any suit)

4*, 4*, 3, 2 (*Any suits)

5*, 3, 3, 2 - (*not a 5-card major)

No Trump Ladder



By the Opening Bidder

Opening 2C* is a way to force your partner to bid at least one time.

2♣ - pass - 2♦ - pass
3NT

2♣ - pass - 2♦ - pass
2NT

25 – 26 HCPs

Open 2C* and rebid 3NT

22 – 24 HCPs

Open 2C* and rebid 2NT

20 – 21 HCPs

Open 2NT

18 – 19 HCPs

Open your longest minor and rebid 2NT

15 – 17 HCPs

Open 1NT

12 – 14 HCPs

Open a minor and rebid 1NT

1♣ - pass - 1♥ - pass
2NT

You can now open the bidding with 12+ HCPs.

1♣ - pass - 1♥ - pass
1NT

From Last Week

- 1) Don't play Weak No Trumps (11-14 HCPs).
- 2) Don't open 1 NT with a 5+-card major.
- 3) Use Stayman to invite partner to 3NT, even **without** a 4-card major.
- 4) If you open 1NT with both 4-card majors, respond to Stayman with **2H**.
- 5) 1NT – P – 2NT* is a transfer to 3C. 1NT – P – 3C* is a transfer to 3D.
- 6) After transferring to a minor, you can bid shortness with 10+ HCPs.

7) And:

1NT – Pass – 3D* = 4 ♠'s, 4 ♥'s, 4 ♣'s and 1 ♦, forcing to Game

1NT – Pass – 3H* = 4 ♠'s, 1 ♥, 4 ♣'s and 4 ♦'s, forcing to Game

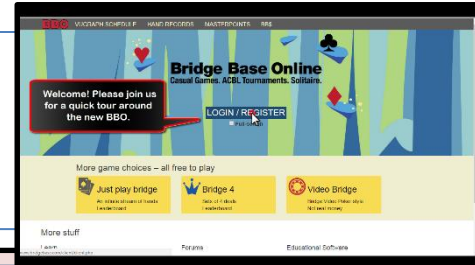
1NT – Pass – 3S* = 1 ♠, 4 ♥'s, 4 ♣'s and 4 ♦'s, forcing to Game

Time for Another Joke



Here's what the BBO Robots do:

Quiz Time



1) North ♠AQ72 ♥KJ85 ♦A2 ♣J64

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	2C*	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
???			

Pass

Partner has 4 ♠'s, 3 ♥'s and 8-9 HCPs.

2) North ♠AQ2 ♥KQ8 ♦AQ2 ♣8642

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	2C*	Pass
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
???			

4S

Partner has 5 ♠'s, 4 ♥'s and 8-9 HCPs.

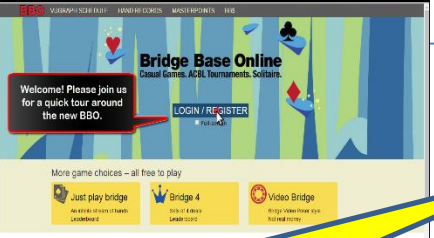
3) North ♠AQ72 ♥KJ85 ♦A2 ♣K64

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	2C*	Pass
2H	Pass	3C	Pass
???			

3S

Since you're in a game-forcing auction, 3S shows a better hand than 4S.

Partner has 4 ♠'s and 10+ HCPs.



Minor Suit Stayman

Just like Stayman asks opener for a 4-card major.

BBO Robots play this

BBO uses **1NT – Pass – 2S*** to ask partner for a 4-card minor (Minor Suit Stayman) (alertable), with at least invitational values.

South ♠2 ♥75 ♦AKJ82 ♣KQJ64

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2S*	Pass

There could be a slam or a better game in a minor.

If North doesn't have a 4-card minor, he would rebid 2NT.

Also over **2NT**: South ♠2 ♥52 ♦K9832 ♣QJ964

North	East	South	West
2NT	Pass	3S*	Pass

If Opener replies with a 4-card minor, Responder can then bid his shortness:

South ♠2 ♥75 ♦AKJ82 ♣KQJ64

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2S*	Pass
3D	Pass	3S*	

Showing shortness, just like Minor Suit Transfers.



Time for the Game