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TWO-LEVEL STRONG JUMPS

Wizard of Oz Bridge System

Jump responses at two-level to one-level suit openings are slam tries. Since there is no chance for opener to show his limit, the player who made the jump response must have a standard hand and describe his distribution with his rebid. The jump responses can be used with limited strength and either single suited hands or balanced hands with good five-card suit. In addition, it is possible to use the jump response with good five-card suit and fit to the opening suit. Jump response with two suited hands beside the opening suit creates problem by narrowing the bidding space and not giving chance for each side to show their limits. It is best to start the bidding at one-level with this type of hands.

Opener rebids his long suit or shows his second suit with 5-5 holding over partner's jump to two level. He can support responder's suit with a good hand and either three card or Hx support, otherwise he can bid 2NT waiting for responder to make a descriptive rebid. Even after 2NT rebid, three cards support will be shown by returning to responder's suit at the first chance.

Opener with 2-4-5-2 distribution may have rebid issues over responder's jump to two level in his two card major suit. In this case, he should rebid 2NT with Hx holding in the other two card suit, rebid his good five card suit or bid his good four card suit as if he has 5-5 holding. He may bid 2NT with Hx is responder's major and xx in the other two card suit. In this case, he should support partner at the first chance.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**
1♦	---	2♥	---
?			

- 3♣ : Two suited hand with at least 5.5 holding.
- 3♦ : Long suit.
- 3♥ : At least three-card fit and a good hand.
- 3♠ : Splinter with at least Hxx fit.
- 4♣ : Splinter with at least Hxx fit.
- 4♦ : Good suit with at least Hxx fit, nothing more.
- 4♥ : Four-card fit with balanced minimum.
- 4NT : RKCB in hearts.

Responder's next actions

* 3NT rebids show balanced hands.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	AQJ87	KQT97	AJ9762
1♦	---	2♠	---	KT3	AK	K83
2NT	---	3NT		Q4	J62	Q4
				AQ7	KQ4	AQ

If a plan was made to rebid NT, initial jump response is suitable with 16-18 HCP. Jump response with stronger hands may create problem. With 19+ HCP or without quality five-card suit, decision should be made after first responding at one-level.

* Rebidding the jump suit at three-level shows 16+ HCP and either solid or semi-solid long suit.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	K6	Q4	A
1♦	---	2♥	---	KQJT97	AKJT98	AKQJT9
2NT	---	3♥		Q4	K3	K4
				AQ3	AQT	T652

Responder with ufficient strength for slam that is rebidding his solid suit, may have singleton and low quality four-card minor.

* Rebidding the jump major at four-level shows a hand with ~13 HP, solid long suit and 7.5 tricks. This hand should not have two aces or singleton and has at most one side king.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	Q5	83	A4
1♦	---	2♥	---	AKQT986	AKQJ973	KQJT987
2NT	---	4♥		Q4	K5	62
				73	62	K3

With similar type of a hand and a singleton in a lower ranking suit, splinter bid is applied.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	AKQT875	AKQ9865	AKQJ762
1♣	---	2♠	---	K104	Q4	3
2NT	---	?		J5	5	QJ6
				8	J105	T4
				4♣	4♦	4♥

* Returning to the opening suit at three-level shows 16-18 HCP, good quality hand, four-card support and 5-2-4-2 distribution.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	AK1096	AQJ86	KQ1084
1♣	---	2♠	---	K4	Q5	63
2NT	---	3♣		73	A3	AK
				AQ75	KJ96	KQ62

* Bidding a new suit at three-level after two-level jump response shows 15-17 HCP, good five-card suit, at least four-card support to the opening suit and singleton in the suit bid.

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	J3	4
1♣	---	2♥	---	AKJ84	AQ1084
2NT	---	?		6	Q74
				AQ874	AQJ3
				3♦	3♠

S	**W**	**N**	**E**	AQJ74	AKJ86	AKJT973
1♣	---	2♠	---	KT5	6	A3
2NT	---	?		4	Q2	QJ6
				AJ86	AJ864	4
				3♦	3♥	3♠

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