

## WEAK TWO OPENING BIDS – Part Five

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OK, your partner opens two spades, a weak preempt, your RHO opponent passes, and now it's your turn to bid. What do you bid with each of the following hands?

- A) 9 7 4      K 9 5      10 4 3 2      10 8 6
- B) 9 7 4      K 9 5      J 10 3 2      Q 10 6
- C) 9 7 4      A J 5      K Q 3 2      K J 6
- D) 9 7 4      K Q J 10 9 8      A      K J 6
- E) 9 7 4 3      10 5      10 8 6 4 3      K 8

Hand A. Weak, correct? \_\_\_\_\_ Your bid, if your RHO passes? \_\_\_\_\_

The Law of Total Tricks applies to hand A. And so do the initials RONF on your convention card.

Hand B. Much, much stronger, correct? \_\_\_\_\_ Your bid, if your RHO passes? \_\_\_\_\_

Hand C. Now this hand is certainly stronger, yes? \_\_\_\_\_ Your bid if RHO passes? \_\_\_\_\_

This bid asks opener for a "feature," that is, a high card in a suit other than the opened trump suit that might provide an entry to partner's hand, if you happen to decide to bid 3 NT.

If you have a six-card spade suit along with the ace or king of diamonds, bid 3 diamonds to show partner that "feature."

Hand D. Don't even THINK about bidding that gorgeous heart suit. You and your partner have a nine-card fit in spades (most likely), so keep the bidding alive by bidding \_\_\_\_\_, which asks for a \_\_\_\_\_.

Hand E. The Law of Total Tricks tells you to bid \_\_\_\_\_. Don't fidget around, gulp 5 times and break out in a cold sweat when you make that bid. Glare at your opponents if they reach for their double card.

Note: There are other response systems to weak two bids if you have strong hands, but let's not go there. Some conventions, like Ogust, are difficult to learn and remember, and you will likely get similar, if not better information with your 2NT feature request bid.