

Michael Teaches: The Weak Freak

Components of Hand Evaluation

- 1) Strength (which type of honors)
- 2) Shape (long suits, long suits with honors and “spots”)
- 3) Fit (Entire auction, not just partner’s hand)

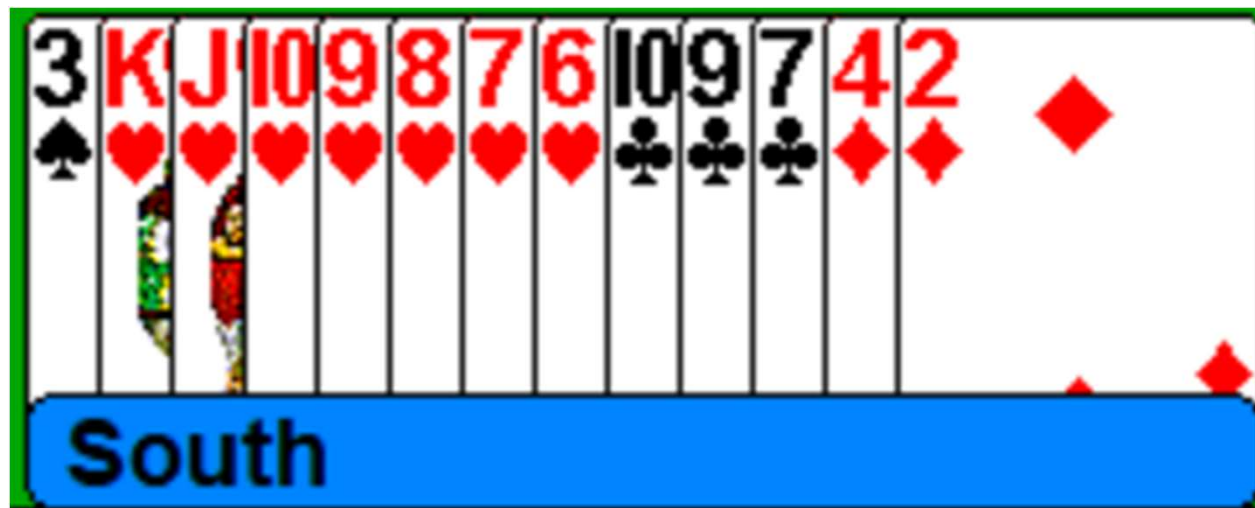
Weak Openings and Overcalls

- Consider seat and vulnerability
- Good Weak Hands: strength in long suit/suits, no wasted values in opponent's suit
- Bad Weak Hands: short-suit honors, losers in the opponent's suit
- Singletons aren't "extra" but 6-3-3-1 is better than 6-3-2-2

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			3♥

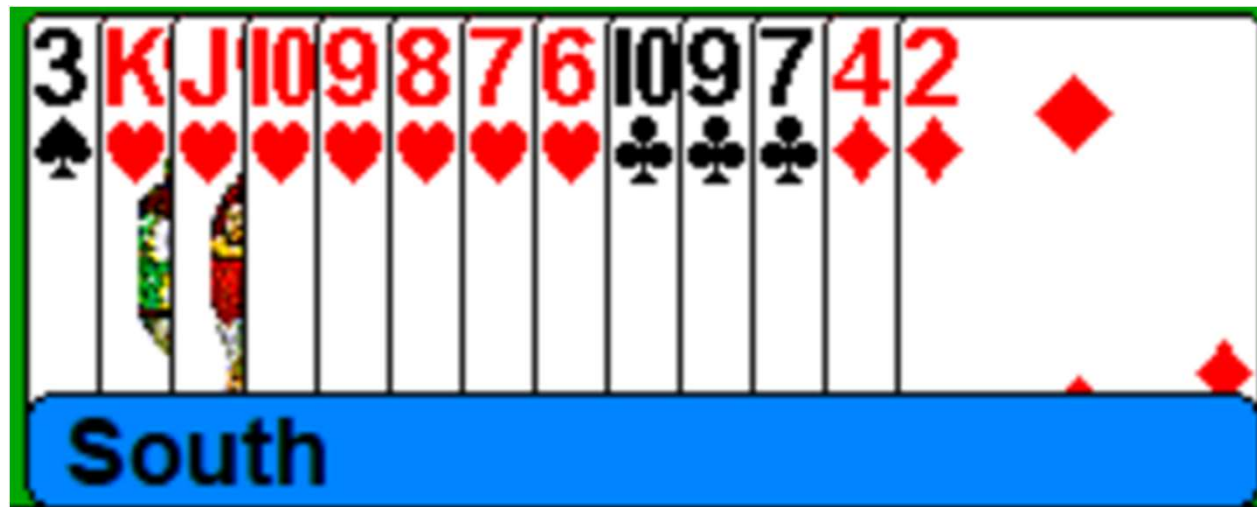


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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			2♥



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			Pass



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♠



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠



Two-Suited Hands

- Decide whether you want to show both suits or can hide one
- 6-4 plays like 7
- Michaels/Unusual 2NT isn't required, think about what partner needs to know

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			Pass



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			3♥



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♠



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	?

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	3♦



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Weak Hands When Partner Bids

- Try to find best description
- Initially weak hands can become constructive or forcing depending on auction (FIT)
- Interference can determine your bid (vulnerability)
- Shortness? Great with fit (dummy points). Terrible in partner's suit.

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbf	?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbf	4♥



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbl	?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbl	3♥



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	Pass



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What's Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass

3♠	K♥	9♥	8♥	3♥	2♥	10♣	9♣	8♣	7♣	4♦	3♦	2♦	♦
North													

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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	Pass



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
2♥	4♠	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
2♥	4♠	Pass	4NT



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The Real Freaks

- With totally extreme hands, bid as much as you can the first time
- With two-suited hands decide whether you need to bring both suits into play

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			5♦



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What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			2♠



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
			2♠
2NT	Pass	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
			2♠
2NT	Pass	Pass	3♦



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	3♣	?

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	3♣	6♣



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