

Bidding with Strong, Shapely Hands

Opening Bids with a Single Suit

- Think about being descriptive
- Solid suits can play well in 3NT
- Plan your rebid (and don't worry about being "dropped")

Strong Single-Suited Rebids after Opening 1-level

- Jump rebid to 3-of your suit is 16-18
- Jump rebid to 4-of-your-suit is a hand just too good for a 4M preempt (only majors)
- Jump to 3NT shows a source of tricks (usually a solid 7-card suit) and control in the other suit
- Jump-shift is game forcing, can be a big 1-suited hand (might also open 2C)

What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠



Opening With Big 2-Suited Hands

- Bid longest first generally
- Avoid 2C Opening--- unlikely to pass out

What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

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



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♥

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦

A♠	K♥	8♥	7♥	6♥	2♥	K♣	A♦	8♦	7♦	6♦	3♦	2♦		
South														

What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
			?

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣



Big, Shapely Hands when Partner Opens

- Re-evaluate based on partner's bids
- Find a major first
- Shortness in partner's suit tends to be a drawback

What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♥



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	Pass



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	6♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	?	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	4♠	



When the Opponents Open and You Have a Long Suit or Suits

- Can use Michaels with very strong hands
- Think about whether a power double is worth the risk (of the opponents jumping)
- Jumping after a preempt by the opponents shows a strong hand

What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	?

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	2 ♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
		1♠	?

West	North	East	South
		1♠	2♠



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
		2♠	?

West	North	East	South
		2♠	4♥



What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	?

West	North	East	South
		1♥	DbI

