

Lesson 19 October 2021

1. Partner opens 1NT. what do you respond with

S 92
H K9xxx
D Qxx
C 9xx

2. Bidding this time is

1♣ - 1♠
1NT - ?

	a)	b)	c)	d)	e)
S	K9xxxx	QJ9xxx	K9xxx	K9xxx	KQ9xxx
H	9x	9x	Q9xx	A9xx	Axx
D	Qxx	Qx	xx	Ax	QJx
C	9x	Axx	xx	Qx	x

3. Bidding is now

1♦ - 1♥
1NT - ?

	a)	b)	c)	d)	e)
S	9xxx	9x	K9xx	K9xx	xx
H	A9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx
D	Q9x	Kxxx	Ax	Jxx	Kxx
C	9x	xx	xx	x	Axx

4. What about 2NT rebids?

1♦ - 1♥
2NT - ? (PASS is the only weak bid now)

	a)	b)	c)	d)	e)
S	9xxx	9x	K9xx	9xxx	Qx
H	A9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx	AQ9xx
D	Q9x	Kxxxx	Ax	Jxx	Kx
C	9x	x	xx	x	Axxx

ANSWERS

1. 2♦ transfer, then pass

2. a) 2♠ b) 3♠ invite c) 2♥ weak d) 3♥ forcing e) 4♠

3. a) Pass b) 2♦ weak c) 2♠ forcing d) 2♣* CHECKBACK e) 2♣*

4. a) 3♣* b) 3♦ (slam ?) c) 3♣* d) 3♣* e) 3♣*

CHECKBACK STAYMAN

1C - 1H 1D - 1H 1D - 1S
1NT - 2C* 1NT - 2C* 2NT - 3C*

In all of the above sequences, the last bid is alerted as "checkback staytman" a convention worth learning. Do remember that it is always in CLUBS, and must not be confused as a club raise. Perhaps you can read up on "new minor forcing" a similar convention that uses the other minor as a checkback. It has merits also. Whatever you do, play one of the two.

Opener's responsibility

Opener has the following options available

1D - 1S
1NT - 2C*

1. Bids 2♠ if he has 3x spades; failing which he
2. Bids 2♥ if he has 4 hearts; failing which he
3. Bids 2♦.

Responder's follow-up bids

1D - 1S
1NT - 2C*
2D - ?

1D - 1S
1NT - 2C*
2H - ?

1D - 1S
1NT - 2C*
2S - ?

2NT = invite

2NT = invite with 5Ss

2NT = invite with 4Hs

References (further reading)

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