



Bridge

ABC

DEF

X^YZ's

for the advanced player

A Two Over One Convention Card

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Preface

To all bridge players who actively seek improvement. May they keep the game of bridge thriving. They are the advanced and expert players of the future.

This is the third and the final book of my alphabet trilogy. The reader is ready for the XYZ's, if the ABC's and the DEF's have been mastered. This book helps a player master the Two Over One bidding system for the exciting game of bridge. Although it is included here, this is not a book solely on the XYZ bridge convention. Nor is it a book on the Toronto Airport. That is YYZ.

People can enjoy bridge by playing only Standard American, but a special expertise with bidding requires the use of Two Over One. There is more room for bidding below game without worrying that the auction passes out. Not only does Two Over One help ensure finding the correct game, it also gives more room for slam exploration below the level of game. Knowing both Standard American and Two Over One well enhances the bridge experience.

The first part of this book is a checklist of how an advancing player becomes much more advanced. The next two parts are the right and left sides of a convention card filled out with a basic Two Over One system. The examples in the last part of this book are interesting twists to the convention card topics. If the reader struggles with the XYZ's, my book *Two Over One* will help immensely.

Congratulations to those players who master the ABC's, the DEF's and the XYZ's. They are well on their way to being expert players. If the alphabet trilogy has whetted the appetite for more explanations and more examples, my other titles are available as shown in [Appendix A](#).





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Epilogue

Example E.1: Two Effective Unbid Suits

Neither vul.

♠1097 ♥K72 ♦AQ1095 ♣K5			
♠532	♥AQ95	♦K842	♣43
$\begin{array}{c} \diagup \text{N} \\ \text{W} \diagdown \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \diagup \text{E} \\ \text{S} \diagdown \end{array}$			
♠AJ86 ♥1063 ♦73 ♣AJ82			
♠KQ4 ♥J84 ♦J6 ♣Q10976			

W	N	E	S
			P
P	1♦	P	1NT
P	P	??	

South could have diamonds, and he could be four-triple-three, but the odds favour South having a club suit. A player should be unwilling to defend 1NT when he has a hand suited to a trump contract, especially when his partner will likely not lead his long suit. However, since South likely has clubs, East is effectively four-three in the unbid suits and should not balance.





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