

Twoonie Talk #9

Pre-empt-Three-Level

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These are from Andersen and Zenkel, "Pre-empt from A to Z"

What do you open with the following:

1. ♠K ♥K95 ♦QJ96532 ♣Q8 Nvul vs NVul
2. ♠7 ♥98 ♦J107 ♣AKJ9852 Vul vs Vul
3. ♠J754 ♥7 ♦J ♣AQJ10753 Vul vs Vul
4. ♠984 ♥4 ♦J109 ♣KQJ985 nvul vs vul
5. ♠7 ♥85 ♦KQJ9763 ♣K109 vul vs nvul
6. ♠A4 ♥7 ♦1097 ♣AQJ8732 nvul vs vul

Both vul Partner opens 3♣. What do you bid?

7. ♠KJ76432 ♥A985 ♦K5 ♣---
8. ♠8743 ♥A ♦J1095 ♣KJ74

What do you open with the following:

9. ♠K986532 ♥5 ♦A109 ♣J10 vul vs nvul
10. ♠K10 ♥QJ109643 ♦A109 ♣K vul vs nvul
11. ♠AJ109864 ♥7632 ♦A ♣8 vul vs vul
12. ♠KQJ10872 ♥4 ♦85 ♣KJ10 vul vs nvul
13. ♠43 ♥AQJ10985 ♦1097 ♣5 nvul vs nvul
14. ♠AQJ985 ♥7 ♦J1097 ♣83 nvul vs vul 1st or 2nd seat
15. ♠AQJ985 ♥7 ♦J1097 ♣83 nvul vs vul 3rd chair
16. ♠4 ♥KJ875432 ♦J109 ♣5 vul vs vul

Partner opens 3♥ and you have:

17. ♠AJ7653 ♥--- ♦K94 ♣KJ98 nvul vs nvul
18. ♠AK752 ♥Q ♦A1083 ♣K104 vul vs vul
19. ♠AJ10 ♥--- ♦AKQJ643 ♣K105 nvul vs vul
20. ♠AKQJ98 ♥AQ3 ♦763 ♣A vul vs nvul
21. ♠A76 ♥--- ♦KJ1098542 ♣85 nvul vs nvul
22. ♠AKJ1087 ♥--- ♦7 ♣AK10982 vul vs vul

Partner opens 3♠ and you have:

23. ♠4 ♥AKQ10875 ♦AJ7 ♣93 vul vs nvul
24. ♠AK5 ♥A4 ♦A95 ♣109842 nvul vs nvul
25. ♠--- ♥AKQ ♦A8652 ♣A9432 vul vs nvul
26. ♠A104 ♥AKQ10875 ♦--- ♣984 vul vs vul
27. ♠984 ♥A109743 ♦85 ♣K2 vul vs vul

Twoonie Talk #9-Answers

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What do you open with the following:

1. ♠K ♥K95 ♦QJ96532 ♣Q8 Nvul vs NVul-Pass
Too much defense- Wasted honours have more value on defense than on offense
2. ♠7 ♥98 ♦J107 ♣AKJ9852 Vul vs Vul-3♣
Excellent pre-empt- 3 cards in the majors makes a pre-empt a must.
3. ♠J754 ♥7 ♦J ♣AQJ10753 Vul vs Vul-Pass
Partner would likely pass over 3♣ with ♠AK1092 ♥A32 ♦976 ♣96 and 4♠ is cold
4. ♠984 ♥4 ♦J109 ♣KQJ985 nvl vs vul-3♣
5. ♠7 ♥85 ♦KQJ9763 ♣K109 vul vs nvl-3♦-typical
6. ♠A4 ♥7 ♦1097 ♣AQJ8732 nvl vs vul-1♣ or Pass if 1♣ would cause partner grief.

Both vul Partner opens 3♣. What do you bid?

7. ♠KJ76432 ♥A985 ♦K5 ♣--- Pass-3♣ is 100% forcing
8. ♠8743 ♥A ♦J1095 ♣KJ74 5♣- if points are divided the opponents may not realize it is their auction

What do you open with the following:

9. ♠K986532 ♥5 ♦A109 ♣J10 vul vs nvl Pass-too poor a suit
10. ♠K10 ♥QJ109643 ♦A109 ♣K vul vs nvl 1♥- strength should be restricted to trump suit
11. ♠AJ109864 ♥7632 ♦A ♣8 vul vs vul Pass or 1♠- could be cold for 6H
12. ♠KQJ10872 ♥4 ♦85 ♣KJ10 vul vs nvl 3♣-you expect seven tricks
13. ♠43 ♥AQJ10985 ♦1097 ♣5 nvl vs nvl 3♥
14. ♠AQJ985 ♥7 ♦J1097 ♣83 nvl vs vul 1st or 2nd seat 2♠ but 3♠ okay
15. ♠AQJ985 ♥7 ♦J1097 ♣83 nvl vs vul 3rd chair 3♠
16. ♠4 ♥KJ875432 ♦J109 ♣5 vul vs vul 3♥ a rare 8-card 3♥ bid

Partner opens 3♥ and you have:

17. ♠AJ7653 ♥--- ♦K94 ♣KJ98 nvl vs nvl Pass, hope opponent balance
18. ♠AK752 ♥Q ♦A1083 ♣K104 vul vs vul 4♥- 3NT is a bad contract
19. ♠AJ10 ♥--- ♦AKQJ643 ♣K105 nvl vs nvl 3NT- 3NT is NOT correctible
20. ♠AKQJ98 ♥AQ3 ♦763 ♣A vul vs nvl CAB with 4♦
21. ♠A76 ♥--- ♦KJ1098542 ♣85 nvl vs nvl Pass- if 3H is doubled escape to ♦
22. ♠AKJ1087 ♥--- ♦7 ♣AK10982 vul vs vul 3♠ and bid 5♣ over 4♥

Partner opens 3♠ and you have:

23. ♠4	♥AKQ10875	♦AJ7	♣93	vul vs nvul	4♥ Game bids in new suits are to play
24. ♠AK5	♥A4	♦A95	♣109842	nvul vs nvul	3NT-In 4♥ 4 losers are likely
25. ♠---	♥AKQ	♦A8652	♣A9432	vul vs nvul	4♠
Slam could make if partner has ♠KQJ10875					4♥ 4♦ 102 ♣K65
26. ♠A104	♥AKQ10875	♦---	♣984	vul vs vul	4♣, CAB
27. ♠984	♥A109743	♦85	♣K2	vul vs vul	4♠-Obey the Law