

Chapter 9: Opening 2NT

KLPV13 introduces a very interesting opening for 2NT. I call it the “unusual 2NT opening”, because that’s exactly what it is! Imagine being able to open a two suited minor hand, to tell partner you shape and range in one bid. Since 2NT denies opening values due to the fact that we use 2♣ to show opening hand with the minors, the bid now means that we are less than opening hand with the minors.

Since partner knows the whole story, they will very rarely pursue game. They will bid what they think they can make. Talk about easy! All three and four of a minor bids are natural and non-forcing, 3M bids are forcing one, and 3NT asks for longer minor.