

# Mini-Roman Slams

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Safe slam extensions for Mini-Roman

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## Mini-Roman Basics

- \* Opening 2♦ shows:
  - \* a 4441 type hand (any singleton)
  - \* 11-15 HCPs
- \* Respond 2♥, 2♠, 3♣, and 3♦ to play
  - \* opener rebids next available suit with singleton in responder's suit
- \* Respond 2NT with game/slam interest
  - \* opener rebids his singleton
  - \* responder places contract

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## Motivation

- \* Responder: ♠K ♥KTxxx ♦Axx ♣AJxx
- \* Auction: 2♦-2NT-3♣-???
- \* What now?
  - \* A new suit would be passable
  - \* Do you have enough to bid 4NT Blackwood?

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- \* A Control is any Ace or King in your hand
- \* Aces count as Two controls
- \* Kings count as One control
- \* Do NOT count any singleton King
- \* ♠ Axxx ♥ Axxx ♦ x ♣ KJxx
  - \* contains 5 controls

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## CONTROLS and Slams

- \* A 52 card deck = 4 Aces and 4 Kings =  $(4*2)+(4*1) = 12$  Controls
- \* A slam usually requires most of the Aces and most of the Kings
- \* A good rule of thumb:
- \* bid a slam with 10-12 controls
- \* With 10 controls, you're off only 1 Ace or 2 Kings

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## CONTROLS and Mini-Roman

- \* Responder wants to learn about opener's controls
- \* 4NT could be a control ask (instead of Blackwood) (2♦-2NT-3♦-4NT)
- \* Bidding opener's singleton could be a control ask (2♦-2NT-3♦-4♦)
- \* If opener is minimum, these asking bids could take you too high

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## CONTROLS and Mini-Roman

- \* Let's make a small change to Mini-Roman
  - \* After 2NT, opener rebids the suit below his singleton
- \* Bidding the singleton is now a level lower
  - \* 2♦-2NT-3♣-3♦
- \* Opener will show his controls by rebidding:
  - \* 1st step = 0-3 controls
  - \* 2nd step = 4 controls
  - \* 3rd step = 5 controls
  - \* etc.

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## Examples

- \* Opener: ♠ Axxx ♥ AJxx ♦ KQTx ♣ x
  - \* Responder: ♠ K ♥ KTxxx ♦ Axx ♣ AJxx
  - \* Auction: 2♦ -2NT-3♠ -4♣ -4♠ -6♥
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- \* Opener: ♠ Axxx ♥ Axxx ♦ x ♣ KJxx
  - \* Responder: ♠ KQxxx ♥ KQx ♦ xxx ♣ Ax
  - \* Auction: 2♦ -2NT-3♣ -3♦ -3NT-6♠