

Raptor

INT as a 2-Suited Overcall

reference:

http://web.mit.edu/mitdlbc/www/articles/Raptor_RR.pdf

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Motivation

* You hold: ♠ QJT_x ♥ QJ_x ♦ A_{xxxx} ♣ Q

* Auction: (1 ♣) ???

* You hold: ♠ J ♥ KQ_{xx} ♦ AJ_{xxx} ♣ T_{xx}

* Auction: (1 ♠) ???

* You hold: ♠ K_{xxx} ♥ x ♦ _{xxx} ♣ AK_{xxx}

* Auction: (P) P (1 ♥) ???

* Do you: Pass?, Double for the major?,
Overcall the minor?, or ...???

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How To Show Your Two Suits

- * Bid INT
- * Raptor INT shows:
a hand of overcall strength
but not strong enough to double and bid
- * After 1♣ or 1♦, a Raptor INT shows:
exactly 4 cards in at least one major AND
longer (5 or more) in the other minor
- * After 1♥ or 1♠, a Raptor INT shows:
exactly 4 cards in the other major AND
longer (5 or more) in one of the minors

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Examples

* Auction: (1 ♣) INT!

* You hold: ♠ QJT_x ♥ QJ_x ♦ Axxxx ♣ Q

* Shows: 5+ ♦, and a 4 card major

* Auction: (1 ♠) INT!

* You hold: ♠ J ♥ KQxx ♦ AJxxx ♣ Txx

* Shows: 4 ♥, and a 5+ card minor

* Auction: (P) P (1 ♥) INT!

* You hold: ♠ Kxxx ♥ x ♦ xxx ♣ AKxxx

* Shows: 4 ♠, and a 5+ card minor

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When To Use Raptor INT

- * Use Raptor INT in the overcall (2nd) seat
 - * (1♣) INT! Shows: 5+♦, and a 4 card major
- * Use Raptor INT in the sandwich position
 - * (1♣) P (1♥) INT! Shows: 5+♦, and a 4♠s
 - * (1♣) P (1♦) INT! Shows: 5+♥, and a 4♠s
- * NEVER use Raptor INT to balance
 - * (1♣) P (P) INT Shows: 11-14 balanced

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After Raptor INT

- * Bid of Raptor's known suit is to play
- * Bid of 2♣ is pass or correct
- * Cue bid asks for Raptor's unknown suit
 - * Doesn't promise values, but a follow-up bid is invitational or better
- * 2NT is a limit raise in Raptor's known suit
- * Anything else suggests an independent suit

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Examples

* Auction: (1♣) INT! (P) 2♣

* You hold: ♠Kxxxx ♥xxx ♦Jxx ♣Kx

* Asks for Raptor's major, promises nothing

* Auction: (1♠) INT! (2♠) 2NT!

* You hold: ♠AQxx ♥Axxxx ♦T ♣Kxxx

* Shows: limit raise in Raptor's ♥s or better

* Auction: (P) P (1♥) INT! (2♥) 2♠

* You hold: ♠QTxx ♥Txx ♦ATxx ♣xx

* Shows: ♠ fit to play

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If Raptor INT is Doubled

- * Warning: special evasive action required, advancer is likely to be weak
- * Redouble: business (this hand is ours!)
- * Pass!: asks for Raptor's unknown suit
 - * Raptor Redouble!: lower suit
 - * Raptor 2♣!: higher suit
- * (1♣) INT! (X) P! (P) 2♣!
 - * Raptor's major is ♠!

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With a Strong INT Overcall

* With only 15 HCPs

* Consider defending and pass

* Consider T/O double

* With 16-18 HCPs

* Double first, then bid NT

* You hold: ♠ Qxxx ♥ A1xx ♦ AKx ♣ Kx

* Auction: (1♣) X (P) 2♠ (3♣) 4♠

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Does Raptor Help? Example 1

Dir: S
 Vul: none
 NS 10♣ tricks
 EW 7♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
		1c	1nt!
p	2c	3c	3s
??			

North

♠93
 ♥AT32
 ♦KT87
 ♣J87

East

♠K7652
 ♥954

West

♠QJT4
 ♥QJ8
 ♦A6542
 ♣Q

South

♠A8
 ♥K76
 ♦Q
 ♣AT65432

RESULTS OF BOARD 11

SECTION	A	SCORES		MATCHPOINTS		
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
3	S	E	50		2.50	2.50
4	C	S	150		4.90	0.10
4	C	S		50	0.70	4.30
3	S	E	100		3.70	1.30
4	C	S		50	0.70	4.30

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Does Raptor Help? Example 2

Dir: W
 Vul: N/S
 NS 10♥ tricks
 EW 8♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
			1s
1nt!	2s	2nt!	4s
p	p	??	

North

♠J
 ♥KQ98
 ♦AJ732
 ♣T98

East

♠T842
 ♥JT76

West

♠K9653
 ♥
 ♦KQ86
 ♣QJ75

South

♠AQ7
 ♥A5432
 ♦T
 ♣K432

♦954
 ♣A6

RESULTS OF BOARD 12

SECTION	A	SCORES		MATCHPOINTS	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4	S	W	100	0.50	0.50
4	S	W	100	0.50	0.50

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Does Raptor Help? Example 3

Dir: S
 Vul: E/W
 NS 8♥ tricks
 EW 9♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
		p	p
1h	1nt!	2h	2s
??			

North

♠54
 ♥AKQJ63
 ♦J4
 ♣QJ7

East

♠K863
 ♥7

West

♠QT97
 ♥T98
 ♦AT86
 ♣95

South

♠AJ2
 ♥542
 ♦KQ32
 ♣T32

RESULTS OF BOARD 35

SECTION	A	SCORES		MATCHPOINTS	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4	H	N	50	0.63	7.38
3	H	N	140	4.56	3.44
4	H	N	420	7.38	0.63
3	H	N	140	4.56	3.44
2	H	N	110	2.31	5.69
4	H	N	420	7.38	0.63
4	H	S	50	0.63	7.38
2	H	N	140	4.56	3.44