

## Weak twos in diamonds, hearts and spades

Acol two openings are very good when they come up, but sadly they have a low frequency – we get more bad hands than good ones. Weak twos in three suits is both popular and simple to play.

**Opening 2♣** is still the strongest bid in the Acol system, showing 23+ HCP or a game going hand.

**Opening bids of 2♦, 2♥, or 2♠** are weak showing a decent 6-card suit and 5-9 HCP and no 4-card major suit on the side. It is a kind of mini pre-empt mainly obstructive seeking to take away opponents' bidding space. Eight playing trick hands must be opened with a one bid and rarely get passed out when game is making.

Responses are:

- ♣ a raise to the three level is pre-emptive.
- ♣ a raise to game could be either pre-emptive or a genuine expectation of making game.
- ♣ a new suit at the two level is encouraging but not forcing, but forcing at the three level.

With 16+ HCP and a partial fit responder makes a game try by bidding 2NT. Opener rebids the suit opened with a minimum, a suit with a high card feature with a maximum and 3NT with a good suit (at least AQJxxx or better).

***It is now up to responder to decide upon the final contract.***

<p>♠ Q1053 ♥ J4 ♦ J1098 ♣ J93</p> <p>♠ 86                      ♠ A74 ♥ AQ9876                ♥ 1032 ♦ K32                      ♦ AQ7 ♣ 54                        ♣ AQ62</p> <p>♠ KJ92 ♥ K5 ♦ 654 ♣ K1087</p>	<p>Dealer West : NS vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding-right: 10px;"><b>West</b></th> <th style="text-align: left; padding-right: 10px;"><b>North</b></th> <th style="text-align: left; padding-right: 10px;"><b>East</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>South</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">2♥</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Pass</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">3♦</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Pass</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2♥ shows 5-9 points and a good 6-card suit. 2NT enquires and 3♦ shows a maximum weak 2♥ opening with a diamond feature. East can see the hands fit well.</p>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
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