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Walsh No Trump Notes, by Rhoda Walsh

Chapter IV: Jacoby Transfer and Walsh Relay

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The “Walsh Notrump Notes” is the Rhoda Walsh’s study on No Trump openings with their developments either in uncontested and contested auctions. We have parted it in nine chapters. In the first chapter there is a concise terminology.

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Chapter IV: Jacoby Transfer and Walsh Relay. Part III

OPENER'S FURTHER REBIDS but the Walsh Relay (treated in the part II of the fourth chapter).

1NT-2♦/2♥: JACOBY TRANSFER

Responder Rebids 2NT after Transferring to Either Major:

1NT 2♦

2♥ 2NT: Natural. Five hearts. 8 to 9 HCP. Game invitational.

3♥: Three+ hearts. No game interest.

3♠: No systemic meaning at this time.

3NT: Natural. Doubleton heart or [4]-3-[3]-[3] with one and one-half+ stops in all three side suits. Signoff.

4♥: Three+ hearts. Accepting game invitation. Signoff.

Responder Rebids 3♣/3♦ after Transferring to Either Major:

1NT 2♦

2♥ 3♣[3♦]: Natural. Five+ hearts. Four+ clubs [four+ diamonds]. Side singleton or void. *Note:* If slam interest, does not promise a side singleton or void.

9+ HCP. Game forcing. May have slam interest.

3♦: Doubleton heart. Diamond stopper. Lacking a sufficient spade stopper for notrump. Game forcing.

3♥: Three+ hearts. Mandatory rebid with three+ trump. Game forcing.

3♠: Doubleton heart. Spade stopper. Lacking a sufficient diamond [club] stopper for notrump. Game forcing.

4♥: No systemic meaning at this time.

3NT: Doubleton heart. Sufficient diamond [club] and spade stoppers. To play.

4♣[4♦] Five hearts-five+ clubs [five+ diamonds]. Slam invitational. Follow-up: 4NT by opener is signoff. 4♠ (may be an artificial Control-Bid; i.e., NRINN) by opener indicates slam acceptance in clubs [diamonds]. 4NT by responder (in response to opener's 4♠) is 1430 RKCB in clubs [diamonds].

5♣[5♦]: Five hearts-six+ clubs [six+ diamonds]. Signoff.

Responder Rebids 3♥ after Transferring to Hearts or 3♠ after Transferring to Spades

1NT 2♦[2♥]

2♥[2♠] 3♥[3♠]: Six hearts [spades]. 7 to 8 HCP. Game invitational in hearts [spades] only.

Pass: No game interest.

3NT: Bid not permitted!

4♥[4♠]: Two+ hearts [spades]. Accepting game invitation. Signoff.

Responder Rebids 3♥ after Transferring to Spades

1NT 2♥

2♠ 3♥: Five+ spades and five+ hearts. 15+ PSP. Game forcing. Slam invitational.

3♠: Agrees spades. Shows slam interest.

3NT: 2-2-[5]-[4]. To play.

4♣/4♦: Control-Bid up-the-line. Agrees hearts. Shows slam interest.

4♥/4♠: Agrees hearts/spades. No slam interest.

Responder Rebids 3♠ after Transferring to Hearts:

1NT 2♦

2♥ 3♠: Spade splinter. Singleton or void spade. Six+ hearts. 15+ PSP. Game forcing. Slam invitational.

3NT: Strong spade values. Doubleton heart. No slam interest. To play.

4♣/4♦: Control-Bid up-the-line. Slam invitational, lacking control in a side suit.

4♥: Two+ hearts. No slam interest. To play.

4NT: 1430 RKCB in hearts.

Responder Rebids 3NT after Transferring to Either Major

1NT 2♦

2♥ 3NT: Natural. Five hearts. 10 to 15 HCP. Offers opener choice of game contracts. Pass or correct.

Pass: Doubleton heart or [4]-3-[3]-[3] with one and one-half+ stoppers in all three side suits.

4♥: Three+ hearts. Signoff.

Responder Rebids 4♣/4♦ after Transferring to Either Major

1NT 2♦

2♥ 4♣/4♦: Club[diamond] Splinter. Singleton or void club [diamond] Six+ hearts. 15+ PSP. Game forcing. Slam invitational.

4♦: Control-Bid up-the-line. Accepting slam invitation, but lacking control in a side suit.

4♥: Two+ hearts. No slam interest. Signoff.

4NT: 1430 RKCB in hearts. Shows control of both unbid suits.

Responder Rebids 4♥ after Transferring to Hearts (or 4♠ after Transferring to Spades)

1NT 2♦ [2♥]

2♥ [2♠] 4♥ [4♠]: Balanced. Six+ hearts [spades]. 14+ HCP. Slam invitational.

Pass: Two+ hearts [spades]. No slam interest.

4♠/5♣/5♦: Control-Bid up-the-line. Accepting slam invitation, but lacking control in a side suit.

4NT: 1430 RKCB in hearts [spades]. Shows control of all three side suits.

Responder Rebids 4♥ after Transferring to Spades:

1NT 2♥

2♠ 4♥: Heart Splinter. Singleton or void heart. Six + spades. 15+ PSP. Game forcing. Slam invitational.

4♠: Two+ spades. No slam interest. Signoff.

4NT: 1430 RKCB in spades. Forcing to 5♠.

5♣/5♦: Control-bid up-the-line. Accepting slam invitation, but lacking control in the other minor.

Responder Rebids 4♠/5♣/5♦ after Transferring to Hearts (or 5♣/5♦/5♥ after Transferring to Spades)

1NT 2♦ [2♥]

2♥ [2♠] 4♠/5♣/5♦ [5♥]: 0314 Exclusion RKCB in hearts [spades].

Responder Rebids 4NT after Transferring to Hearts:

1NT 2♦

2♥ 4NT: Quantitative. Five hearts. 16 to 17 HCP. Nonforcing. Slam invitational. Offers opener choice of contracts and level.

Pass: Doubleton heart. No slam interest.

5♣: Zero aces. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ hearts.

Note: If the partnership is lacking two aces, responder rebids 5♥, pass or correct to 5NT.

5♦: One ace. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ hearts.

5♥: Three+ hearts. No slam interest. Signoff.

Note: Normally the 5♥ response to a quantitative 4NT shows two aces. However, after a transfer to hearts, the bid is needed to sign off in 5♥.

5♠: Two aces. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ hearts.

Note: After opener's ace-showing response, if the partnership has three+ aces, responder rebids six of his major. Pass or correct.

5NT: Return slam invitation. Doubleton heart. Three+ aces. Nonforcing.

6♥: Accepting slam invitation. Three+ hearts. Three+ aces. Signoff.

6♣/6♦/6♠: Accepting slam invitation. Doubleton heart. Five clubs/diamonds/spades. Three+ aces. Pass or correct.

6NT: Accepting slam invitation. Two hearts. Three+ aces. Signoff.

Responder Rebids 4NT after Transferring to Spades

1NT 2♥

2♠ 4NT: Quantitative. Five spades. 16 to 17 HCP. Nonforcing. Slam invitational. Offers opener choice of contracts and level.

Pass: Doubleton spade. No slam interest.

5♣: Zero aces. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ spades.

Note: If the partnership is lacking two aces, responder rebids 5♠, pass or correct to 5NT.

5♦: One ace. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ spades.

5♥: Two aces. Accepting slam invitation. May have three+ spades.

Note: After opener's ace-showing response, if the partnership has three+ aces, responder rebids six of his major. Pass or correct.]

5♠: Three+ spades. No slam interest. Signoff.

5NT: Return slam invitation. Doubleton spade. Three+ aces. Nonforcing.

6♠: Accepting slam invitation. Three+ spades. Three+ aces. Signoff.

6♣/6♦/6♥: Accepting slam invitation. Doubleton spade. Five clubs/diamonds/hearts. Three+ aces. Pass or correct.

6NT: Accepting slam invitation. Doubleton spade. Three+ aces. Signoff.