A   Prepared Defences

Please note that the EBU does not recommend providing prepared defences to systems. Nonetheless, if you would find these useful here are some *simple* defences to our system, but there are probably several better ones.

A.1   1 level bids

- 1♣ One of the following:
    - Your defence to a possibly short club or diamond
    - Your defence to a weak no-trump
    - Your defence to a natural club opening
    - Your defence to a polish club

- 1♢
    - Defend the same as you would a strong (e.g. precision) club

- 1♡
    - X = a heart overcall
    - 1♠ = takeout of spades
    - 1N = normal 1N overcall range showing a spade stop
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- 1NT (Artificial)
    - X = clubs and diamonds
    - 2♣/♢ = natural overcall
    - 2♡/♠ = asking for a stop for NT
    - 2NT = decent NT overcall range with stops in both majors
    - Jump bids = normal jump-overcall range

A.2   2 level bids

- 2♣/♢/♡
    - X = an overcall in the suit bid
    - suits = natural overcalls
    - 2N = normal 2N over a weak-two range with some values in the other three suits

- 2♠
    - X = takeout of hearts
    - 2N = normal 2N over a weak-two range with a decent heart stop
    - suits = natural overcalls

- 2NT
    - X = takeout (showing hearts and clubs)
    - 3♣/♡ = natural overcalls
    - 3♢/♠ = asking for a stop for 3NT

A.3   3/4 level bids

- 3♣/♢/♡
    - X = an overcall in the suit bid
    - next suit = takeout of that suit
    - 3N = normal 3N over a 3-level preempt with a stop in the suit shown (not bid)

- 3♠
    - X = spade overcall (as of a 3-minor preempt or gambling 3N opening)
    - suits = natural overcalls (as of a 4-minor preempt or gambling 3N opening)

- 3NT
    - X = both majors (takeoutish)
    - suits = natural overcalls (as of a 4-minor preempt)

- 4♣/♢
    - X = an overcall in the suit bid (as of a 3-major preempt)
    - suits = natural overcalls (as of a 3-major preempt)
    - our major = takeout