

## YELLOWISH ROSE OF TEXAS

This is a simplified version of Danny Kleinman's convention, Yellow Rose of Texas, so called because two of the responses start with a Texas Transfer.

When partner opens 1NT or 2NT, or shows a 2NT opening after bidding artificially (e.g., 2♣) first, you may have enough HCP (33?) for 6NT in a 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 hand but are concerned that the two hands may have duplicated values (e.g., each with a doubleton in the same suit, or each with the same four-card suit in a 4-3-3-3 hand). Maybe the partnership should be in a suit slam instead of 6NT, or perhaps the bidding should stop at the five level if the hands mesh badly. To help opener evaluate the potential of the two hands, we use this scheme:

— With a 4-3-3-3 hand responder transfers to the four-card suit and then bids 5NT.

— With a 4-4-3-2 hand responder transfers to the tripleton and then bids the doubleton at the five level.

In the case of a major suit transfer, start with a Texas transfer, not Jacoby.

If not using minor suit transfers, some other scheme must be devised.

After showing his hand, responder relies on opener to determine the final contract, which may be anything from five of a major to 6NT.

For hands that are not quite strong enough for Yellowish Rose, use the Boland convention (section 05-06). For hands that are sure of slam, use the Miller convention (section 05-07) to investigate grand slam possibilities..