Pre-Alert.

Openings :

1♣ Opening may be 1♣+4♦+4♥+4♠ with 16-18H

1NT opening = 15-17H (5 cards ♥/♠ possible !)

2♣ = forcing game (or 9 tricks) excepted sequence 2♣/2♦/2NT (=22-23 H balanced)

2♦ = Weak with 6♥ or 5♥+5(♣ or ♦) OR (semi)strong in ♣, ♦ or ♠ (at least 5 cards)

2♥ = Weak with 6♠ or 5♠+5(♣, ♦ or ♥) OR (semi)strong in ♥ (at least 5 cards)

2♠ = Weak with 6♣ or 24-25H regular

2NT = Weak with 6♦ or 5♦+5♣ OR 5♥+5♠ (16-18DH)

3♣ or 3♦ = at least 6 cards (AKxxxx or AQxxxx or AJX9xx)

3NT = closed suit

Responses :

1NT forcing on 1♠ or 1♥

2♣ on 1NT = Stayman may be weak

Pass after overcall may be punitive (asks for a double if the partner is short in trump)

Overcalls :

1NT overcall : no stopper needed ! (2NT asks for a stopper)

Specials : third and fourth suit is forcing

Blackwoods :

Usually 4NT

If trump = ♣ or ♦ : may be 4♣ (4♦)

If trump = ♥ or ♠ : may be 3P (3NT)

Leads :

Trump : parity (reversed in trump suit), head of sequence

No Trump : parity, K asks to unblock if 2 or 3 cards on the table (ex. ***K***QXxx but K***Q***Xx)

Signals : Parity + Lavinthal