

Two over one system

2/1 game forcing is a modern version of the Standard American bidding system, i.e. a natural 5-card major, strong no trump system. The two major differences are that a 2 level response to a one level opening is forcing to game. This allows extra space for the exchange of information below game level, resulting in more often ending in the right game contract and more accurate slam bidding. A corollary of this is that a 1NT response to a major suit opening has to cater for all hands below a game force and is thus forcing for one round. A large majority of tournament players in the USA play 2/1 as do many of the top UK pairs. Robson and Forrester were playing a version in the recent world championships.