

# Opening 2clubs and 2diamonds

<div>♠AKQ84</div> <div>♥AK82</div> <div>♦AK9</div> <div>♣2</div> <div>♠10</div> <div>♥J103</div> <div>♦654</div> <div>♣KJ10763</div> <div>♠J9753</div> <div>♥Q9</div> <div>♦QJ10</div> <div>♣AQ8</div> <div>♠62</div> <div>♥7654</div> <div>♦8732</div> <div>♣954</div>	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2NT</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <div>2♦ is artificial and 100% forcing, indeed it is game forcing unless the auction starts 2♦ 2♥ 2NT. 2♥ is a negative response showing 0-7 points (or maybe up to nine points in queens and jacks). 2♠ is game forcing. 2NT is a waiting bid and 3♥ is a second suit. An eight card fit is found and South bids the game. Say West leads ♦6, won by ♦A. Declarer cashes ♥A K and leaves the remaining trump undrawn. He continues with ♠AKQ, trumps ♠4, returns to hand with ♦K and ruffs his ♠8. At some stage West may ruff with ♥J but it doesn't prevent declarer taking ten tricks.</div>	West	North	East	South		2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass			
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