

Two Over One Game Forcing - Bidding the Good Hands



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Time for a Joke

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" asked Sherlock.

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

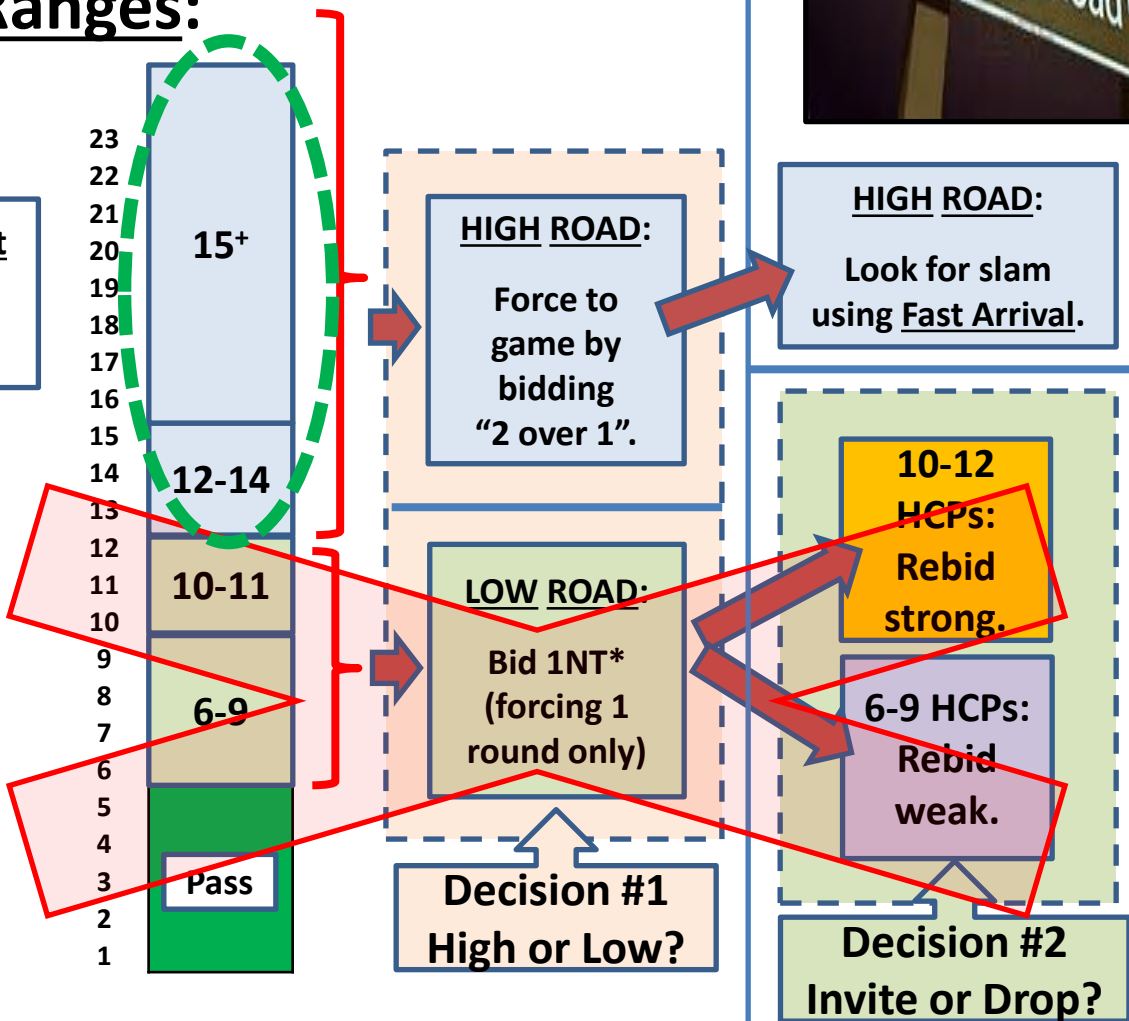
Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."

2 Over 1 Game Forcing



Responder Ranges:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	Pass	???	



Possible High Road Auctions



In 2/1 GF, there are only 10 possible starts to HIGH ROAD auctions:

1) 1H Pass 2C*

2) 1H Pass 2D*

3) Pass 1H Pass 2C*

4) Pass 1H Pass 2D*

5) 1S Pass 2C*

6) 1S Pass 2D*

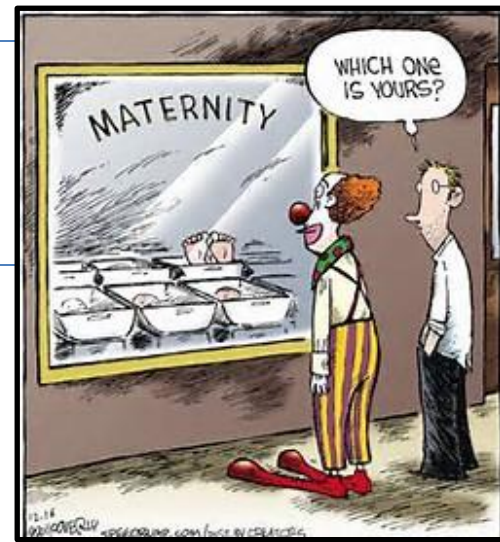
7) 1S Pass 2H*

8) Pass 1S Pass 2C*

9) Pass 1S Pass 2D*

10) Pass 1S Pass 2H*

When is 2/1 Game Forcing Used?



Requirements:

1. One person must open one of a major.
2. The opponents must NOT be in the auction yet.
3. It must be the responder's FIRST chance to bid.

2/1 GF doesn't apply here.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
???			

Question:

What does North respond if he passed this hand?:

North

♠3 ♥KJ42 ♦AQJ1043 ♣85

- a) If he bids 4H, it's pre-emptive (3-7 HCPs with 5 hearts), and they could easily miss a slam.
- b) If he jumps to 3H, it's invitational, and they could easily miss a cold game.
- c) If he bids 2D, it's not forcing, since 2/1 GF is not used here.

Answer: He bids 2C*, which shows major suit support and 10+ HCPs. Then he bids game.

The Drury Convention.

Don't forget you have the option of using Jacoby 2NT* with 4 trumps. It's more powerful than 2/1 GF.

Taking the HIGH ROAD



1)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	???	
2D*				
South	♠K1095	♥3	♦AQ1053	♣AQ5

2)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
	???			
2NT				
North	♠AKJ72	♥52	♦KQ3	♣765

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2NT	Pass	???	
3D				
South	♠4	♥A4	♦AKQ10872	♣Q52
Or 3NT.				

Quantitative, not Blackwood.

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2NT	Pass	???	
4NT*				
South	♠KQJ	♥104	♦AQ1082	♣AQ3

5)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2H	Pass	???	
2S				
South	♠KQ53	♥2	♦KQ9652	♣A4

And 1 Low Road question.

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	Pass	1NT*	Pass
	???			
2NT				
North	♠Q6543	♥AQ	♦AK3	♣K102

FAST ARRIVAL is used when you are declaring the final STRAIN, or when the final STRAIN is already known.

The Concept of Fast Arrival



In a GF auction, no jump shows extra values.

A jump shows no extra values.

1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
3H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠84 ♥AQJ ♦AQ8753 ♣A3			

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠84 ♥AQ2 ♦KQJ32 ♣873			

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	???			
North	♠A7542 ♥KQ3 ♦83 ♣K42			

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2D*	Pass
2S	2H	Pass	???	
South	♠AK4 ♥J75 ♦AQJ1062 ♣J			

FAST ARRIVAL means in a game forcing auction, the higher you bid, the less you have.

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠4 ♥AKJ10842 ♦95 ♣A64			

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2S	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	3S	Pass	???	
South	♠64 ♥KQ3 ♦KQJ832 ♣KJ3			

Not a reverse

3H = I have extra values. Followed by 4H = but I only have a little extra values.

3S = a control showing bid (A♠ or K♠) and some interest in slam.

More On Fast Arrival

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In a GF auction, no jump shows extra values.

1)

3H

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1NT	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2H	Pass	3C	Pass
	???			
South	♠KQ3 ♥K63 ♦AKQ53 ♣63			

Time for More Jokes

Boy comes up to his father, all angry, "Dad, you remember how you told me to put a potato in my swimming trunks? How you said it would impress the girls?"

Father looks up, smiling, "Yeah, did it work?"

The boy screams, "You could have mentioned that the potato goes in the front!"

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

I had a dream where an evil queen forced me to eat a gigantic marshmallow. When I woke up, my pillow was gone.

Take your time. Try not to jump.

Opener's Rebids After a 2/1 Response



1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
2H				
North	♠A ♥KQ10432 ♦AJ3 ♣K95			

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
3C				
North	♠72 ♥QJ1052 ♦A3 ♣AQ75			

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
2S				
North	♠AKJ4 ♥AQ742 ♦984 ♣2			

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
2D				
North	♠AQ8 ♥KJ754 ♦K642 ♣3			

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
2NT				
North	♠QJ3 ♥Q5432 ♦Q92 ♣AQ			

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2C*	Pass
	???			
2H				
North	♠3 ♥AK6432 ♦2 ♣AK962			

Remember your priority of contracts?

Playtime

