Bidding After Opener's Reverse



What is a Reverse?

- Some players say they don't play reverses.
- If you say that, then you are not playing Standard American or 2/1, because reverses are a part of those systems.
- However, for some 2/1 players, reverses are handled a bit differently than they would be if you are playing Standard American.
- A reverse bid is when an opening bidder bids a higher ranking suit, at the 2-level, without jumping, than was bid with the opening suit.

What is **<u>Not</u>** a Reverse

• Consider this bidding sequence.

-1 🔶 ...1 🎔 ...1 🔶

 Notice opener's new suit came at the 1 level. That is not considered a reverse.

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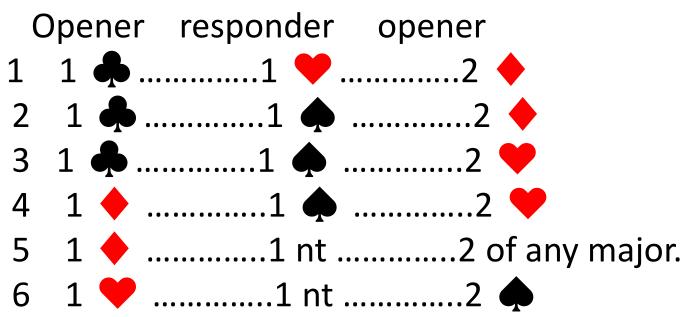
• Consider this bidding sequence by a 2/1 pair.

-1 🔶 ...2 🔶 ...2 🔶

- Some 2/1 players do not consider this a reverse because responder's 2 level bid already commits the partnership to game.
- Some 2/1 players would consider this a reverse and would show a hand with extra values.
- That sequence, in Standard American, would be a reverse and would show extra values.

What is a Reverse

• All of the following sequences should be considered a reverse, in either system.



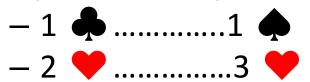
What Happens After a Reverse?

- When players make a reverse bid, they are showing a hand that is:
 - 16-18 (19) points.
 - Somewhat unbalanced did not want to make a no trump bid.
 - Is forcing on the responder for at least one more round of bidding.
 - You and your partner should certainly discuss reverse bids and the kinds of hand they show.

Responder's Bids After a Reverse

• If responder raises either of opener's suits, it is forcing to game.

Opener Responder

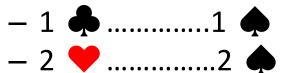


Opener Responder $-1 \clubsuit \dots 1 \bigstar$ $-2 \diamondsuit \dots 3 \clubsuit$

Responder's bids After a Reverse

• If responders repeat their own suit, it show 5+ cards and is forcing to game.

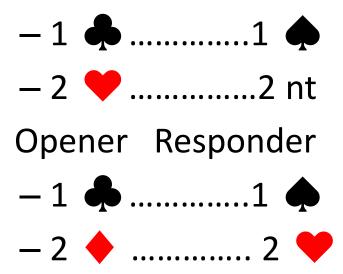
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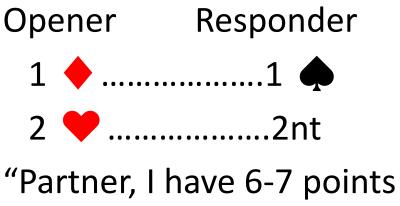
 With very weak hand (6-7points), responder, may bid the 4th suit or 2no trump which ever is most convenient.

Opener Responder



Example Hand (1)-Weak Hand

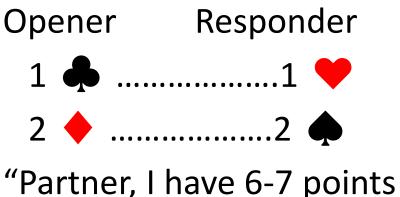
Responder's Hand QJ42 Q32 105 J943



and I'll probably pass your next bid."

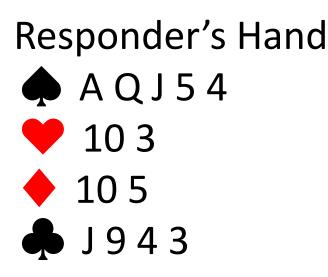
Example Hand(2)-Weak Hand

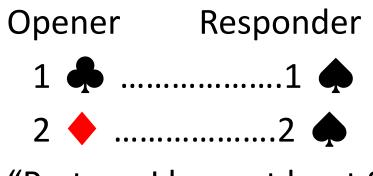
Responder's Hand QJ4 Q1032 105 J943



"Partner, I have 6-7 points and I'll probably pass your next bid."

Example Hand(3)-Forcing Hand

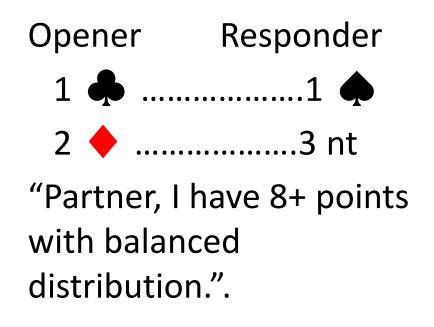




"Partner, I have at least 8 points and 5+ spades.

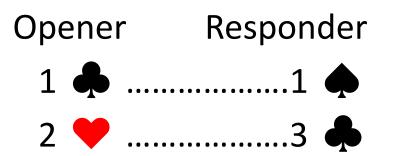
Example Hand(4)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand A Q 5 4 K J 3 10 5 2 J 9 4



Example Hand(5)-Forcing Hand

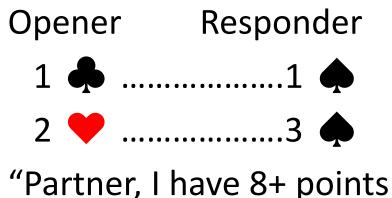
Responder's Hand A Q 5 4 K J 3 10 5 2 J 9 4



"Partner, I have 8+ points with balanced distribution I did not bid no trump because I'm worried about diamonds."

Example Hand(6)-Forcing Hand





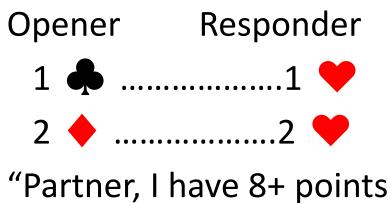
with 6 good spades.."

Example Hand(7)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand K 4 2

• AQJ93





with 5 hearts."

Example Hand(7)-Forcing Hand

