

# Opener's Second Bid in a 2/1 Auction

# After a Major Suit Opening and a Non-jump 2-Level Response

- You know you are going to game, but you still have information to give and get, before the final contract is set.
- Here is what you need to learn:
  - Do you have a major suit fit?
  - Do you have a minor suit fit?
  - Do you have stopper for no trump?
  - Is a slam possible.
- In order to do this, you and partner need clear agreements.

# With a Balanced Hand

Opener      Responder

1 ♥

2 ♦

2 nt.

- Responder knows opener's hand is balanced.
  - 3-5-3-2
  - Possibly 4-5-2-2
  - Either 12-15 points or 18 or 19 points.

# When You Bid No Trump After a Two-Level Response

Opener      Responder

1 ♥

2 ♦

2 nt.

Do you need stoppers in the two unbid suits (♣ and ♠ ) to bid no trump.

- Robert Todd says **yes**.
- Audrey Grant says **no**.
- Personally, I'm on the Audrey Grant side.

# Consider this Auction

Opener      Responder

1 ♥

2 ♦

2 nt

3nt

- If opener has this hand:
- ♠ A Q 7 ♥ K 9 7 3 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ J 10 7 (13 points) Opener can pass knowing they are in the right contract.

# Consider this Auction

Opener	Responder
1 ♥	2 ♦
2 nt	3nt
4 nt	

- If opener has this hand:
- ♠ A Q 7 ♥ K Q 7 3 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ K 10 7 (18 points stoppers in unbid suits)
- Opener raises to 4nt, showing 18 or 19 points.
- Responder will know what to do.

# To be Sure We Understand

Opener

Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 nt

- Opener must jump in no trump to show this hand:
- ♠ A Q 7 ♥ K Q 7 3 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ K 10 7 (18 points stoppers in unbid suits)

# When You Have a Fit With Partner's Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♥

2 ♦

3 ♦

- When partner's suit is a minor, support with 4 cards:
- ♠ A K 3 ♥ A Q J 3 2 ♦ A 9 7 5 ♣ 10
- No need to make a jump bid even with extra values.
- You are still trying to find no trump, with the necessary stoppers.



# When You Have a Fit With Partner's Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♥

4 ♥

- When partner's suit is a major, support with 3 cards:
- ♠ A Q J 9 3 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ 10 5
- 14 Points
- You have a major suit agreement, you can use fast or slow arrival to distinguish your hand.

# When You Have a Fit With Partner's Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♥

4 ♥

- One more example:
- ♠ K Q 9 7 3 ♥ A J 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q J 9
- 13 points
- Go fast with a minimum hand.

# When You Have a Fit With Partner's Suit

Opener

1 ♠

3 ♥

Responder

2 ♥

- When partner's suit is a major, you can support with 3 cards, but 4 is better:
- ♠ A K J 9 3 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ A J 7 ♣ 4
- Dummy value 19 points.
- When you have extra values take it slow..
- Once you are in a game going auction, a jump in the trump suit shows weakness.
- Slow arrival shows slam interest.

# Many 2/1 Players Use Splinter Bids

Opener                  Responder

1 ♠

2 ♥

4 ♦

- If you play splinters.
- ♠ A J 10 9 3   ♥ A Q 3 2   ♦ 7   ♣ J 10 5
- Originally 12 points, but the hand gets better.
- Opener's 4 ♦ bid shows (usually) 4 card support and shortness in diamonds.

# You Can Splinter When Partner Bids a Minor

Opener                  Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

3 ♥

- When you splinter over a minor suit, you should have 4-card trump support:
- ♠ A J 10 9 3   ♥ 2   ♦ K J 9 7   ♣ A K 5
- You must be careful, that you and partner are on the same page.
- Jump to the 3-level can be misinterpreted.

# Bidding a New Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

2 ♥

- You can bid a new suit at the two level with any strength opening hand.
- ♠ A J 10 9 3 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ Q 5
- Just 13 points.
- A minimum range opening hand, but you are in a forcing auction. .

# Bidding a New Suit

Opener                  Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

2 ♥

- You can bid a new suit at the two level with any strength opening hand.
- ♠ A K 10 9 3   ♥ A 10 7 2   ♦ K 7   ♣ A 5
- Here you have extra values, (18 points) but you know partner will not pass.
- You can show extra strength later .

# Here's a Problem Hand

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

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- With this hand, in this auction, you have no reasonable rebid.
- ♠ A K 10 9 5 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ 3 ♣ J 9 7 5
- 14 points
- 2nt with a singleton in partner's suit does not make sense.
- Rebidding 3 ♣ is best.



# When You Have a 6-Card Suit

Opener                  Responder

1 ♥

2 ♦

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- With this hand, in this auction, you have a reasonable rebid.
- ♠ K 3 ♥ A Q J 10 9 7 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 5
- 16 hcp + 2 points for the 6-card suit.
- When you are in a forcing auction there's no need to jump, with extra values.

# When You Have a 6-Card Suit

Opener                  Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

2 ♠

- With this hand, in this auction, you have a reasonable rebid.
- ♠ A K 10 8 5 3   ♥ A Q 7   ♦ 5   ♣ J 10 5
- 16 points total.

# When the Auction is Not Forcing

Opener                  Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

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- With this hand, in this auction, you have extra values.
- ♠ A J 3 ♥ A Q J 10 8 7 ♦ 5 ♣ A J 5
- 19 points total
- You need to jump to show your extra value so partner will know. .

# When You Have a 6-Card Suit and a 4-Card Side Suit

Opener                      Responder

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♥

2nt

3 ♠

- When the side suit is a good suit, you should bid it before rebidding your 6-card suit..
- ♠ K J 10 9 7 3 ♥ A J 10 6 ♦ K 9 ♣ 5.

# When You Have a 6-Card Suit and a 4-Card Side Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♠

- When the side suit is weak rebid the 6 card suit.
- ♠ A K J 10 9 7 ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ A 9 ♣ 5.

# When You Have a 6-Card Suit and a 4-Card Side Suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♥

- When the side suit is a good suit show the side suit and show the 6-card suit later.
- ♠ A K 10 9 7 3 ♥ A J 10 4 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 5.