



The Opener's 2nd bid after a 2/1 response (2/1)

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After a 2/1 response, the responder becomes the leader for that auction, whereas, the opener's role is typically that of a describer. After a major opening, bidding is now game forcing. The opening bid starts the description, and opener's second bid—the rebid—provides a further opportunity to narrow down both the strength and distribution of the hand. Responder will then be well-placed to direct the partnership to the best contract.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	

7 ♠	5 ♠	R ♥	Q ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	3 ♥	A ♣	J ♣	9 ♣	4 ♣	7 ♦	4 ♦
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Problem 40024: Bid 2 ♦. Partner may well have a 4-card ♥ suit.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠			

A ♠	Q ♠	9 ♠	7 ♠	5 ♠	2 ♠	10 ♥	3 ♥	A ♣	7 ♣	4 ♣	Q ♦	4 ♦
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Problem 40018: Bid 2 ♠. You do not have 6 cards in ♥, nor a NT hand. Show your longest minor



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With a regular hand

there are 3 types of rebids after the 2/1 response:

- 1-2NT to is the most common , with a 5332 or 5422 shape. It shows a regular hand with either minimum (12-14HCP) or maximum (18+HCP)... with a 2nd zone hand (15-17) the opener would have bid 1NT...
- 2- Rebid his suit at level 2 to show a 6 carder (6322) with any strength
- 3- a suit shift

at minimum level with a 5422 shape.

There's no need to jump, since the partnership is already forced to game.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠			

A	Q	7	5	A	Q	8	6	3	7	6	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E40019: Playing 2/1, when the partnership is already forced to game, reverses do not require extra strength. The 2♠ bid might uncover a ♠ fit since partner might have 5 ♣s and 4 ♠s. Even if it doesn't, it shows partner where your strength lies so he can bid 3NT.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT			

A	K	K	Q	J	8	3	10	9	6	Q	J	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E40021 2NT Partner will know you are balanced, probably with a doubleton ♥



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With an unbalanced hand

there are 3 types of rebid after the 2/1 response:

- 1- Support in partner's suit with 4+ cards in partner's suit and any strength.
- 2- Rebid his suit at level 2 to show a 6 carder (6331) with any strength...
- 3- A suit shift

at minimum level.... Strength can be shown in later bidding.

There's no need to jump, since the partnership is already forced to game.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦			



Problem E40023 3♦ You always show a second 5-card suit, even at the 3-level.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥			



Problem 40018: Bid 2♥. Partner may well have a 4-card ♥ suit.