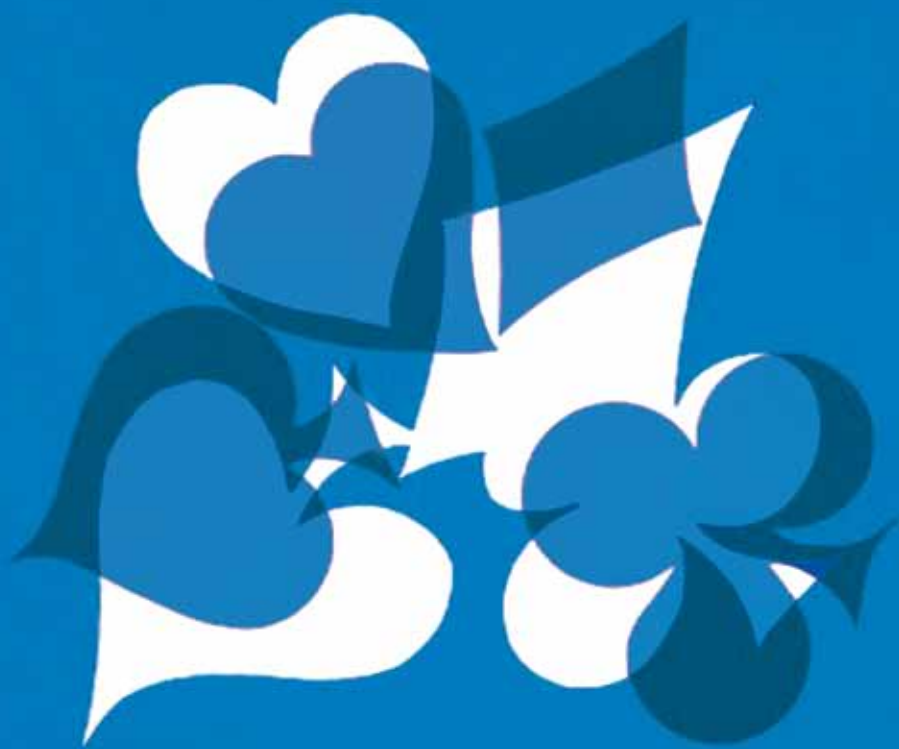


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2/1 Game Force System (2/1)

Introduction

I was first introduced to 2/1 in the mid-to late 80's. The concepts, ideas and bidding theory were revolutionary. I read Max Hardy's original book in one sitting. Pouring over the pages, backtracking to track down an elusive passage that I felt pertained to a later idea. It didn't take long to realize that what he had put together was a collection of bids which formed a complete system built to solve the problem hands we all encountered; not just a description of the single bid ...2/1.

Through the years players have taken portions of the system to play in isolation, added new treatments and ideas and/or created new bids (or variations of the original bids) to add substance and versatility.

Taking a bid from the system to play in isolation, without adopting the complete system, is to your disadvantage. Learn the entire system. See how the bids work in concert. Bite the bullet, as you must with any new bid, and accept the bad boards you will get during your learning curve and then enjoy the new found freedom you will experience in playing 2/1.

2/1 Review Hands

2/1 Review

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A Q J 4
♦ 6 3
♣ J 10 6 5

♠ K Q 7 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ K J 9 2
♣ A 4



♠ 10 8
♥ K 10 9 7 2
♦ 10 8
♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ A J 6
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 7 5 4
♣ K 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♦ = Natural and game forcing.

3♦ = A fit in diamonds.

3♠ = I have a spade fit and a good hand. **Remember: The slower you go the better your hand.**

4♣ = A cuebid showing first round control in clubs, A♣.

4♦ = A cuebid showing first round control in diamonds, A♦.

4♠ = Without first round control in hearts, North simply bids game.

Pass = If you have no control in hearts, I think we are high enough.

2/1 Review

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ 9 5
♦ A K 7 5 4
♣ K 9 7

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A J 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ J 10 6 5



♠ K Q 7 4 2
♥ K 3
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ A 4

♠ 10 8
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 10 8
♣ Q 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 N	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♦ = Natural and game forcing.

3♦ = A diamond fit.

3♠ = I have a spade fit and a good hand. (The slower you go the better your hand.)

4♣ = I have first round control in clubs.

4♦ = I have first round control in diamonds.

4N = Blackwood and shows that he has a control in hearts.

5♥ = Two aces.

East bids slam.

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

<p>♠ 8 5 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 ♣ J 9 7 6</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ J 4 ♣ A 5 3</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ K J 10 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 10 7 6 5 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 4 ♥ K Q 8 4 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K Q 4</p>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3♥ = A Limit Raise (10-12) with 4+ trumps.

4♥ = We have the values for game.

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Bridge students quickly discover that ‘basic bidding’ will only get them so far. If they really want to improve, it is necessary to master a certain number of bidding conventions, and be prepared both to play them and play against them. This ebooklet contains reviews hands for bidding using the 2/1 system.



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