**(10) 2/1 GF Rebids: *2-Major Waiting, 3-Level Extras***

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**General Approach**

When partner makes a 2/1 GF bid we don’t have to worry about the auction stopping below game. We need to determine which game we are going to play and if either player is interested in playing more than game. It is important to have a good understanding of which bids show extra values and which do not.

**Opener’s Rebid**

Our general approach is listed below:

* 2N shows stoppers in the unbid suits,
* Rebidding our suit is waiting – does not promise a 6c suit (2M Waiting),
* Raising ♥ shows 3+card support,
* Raising a minor shows 4+c support,
* Bidding a new suit at the 3-Level shows extra values (3L+).

**2N Rebid**

When we rebid 2N we show stoppers in the two unbid suits and usually a minimum hand (12-14 HCP.) This allows us to play 3N from the “correct side.” We also deny holding a 4-card suit that we could have bid at the 2-level.

*Example*

1♠-2♦-2N This denies 4-card ♥, shows stoppers in both ♣ and ♥ (we could have 4-card ♣.)

*Note: It is possible that we have a 18-19 HCP balanced hand for a 2N rebid, but this is unusual. Partner should assume we have 12-14 HCP and if we bid again over 3N we show 18-19 HCP.*

*Example*

*1♠-2♦-2N-3N-4N 18-19 HCP, Balanced, stoppers in both ♣ and ♥*

**2-Major Rebid – “Waiting”**

We can rebid 2-Major (two of opening suit) when we don’t meet the requirement of other rebids. This rebid can be natural (having a 6-card suit) but does not promise more than five. This is our default bid when no other bid looks appealing.

*Example*

♠ KQxxx

♥ Axx

♦ xxx

♣ Ax

1♠-2♣-2♠ We rebid 2♠ instead of 2N because we lack a ♦ stopper.

**3-Level Shows Extra Values (3L+)**

When we bid a new suit at the 3-level we show about 3 HCP more than a minimum opening bid. If we have 5-4 distribution we show about 14+ HCP and could have a bit less if we are more distributional. The idea is that we aren’t just showing a shapely hand, but also a hand that has some “extra values” – and thus some slam interest. If we have a 5-4 hand with minimum HCP then we rebid our opening bid suit *(2-Major Waiting)* and show our side suit later in the auction.

*Example*

1♠-2♦-2♠-2N-3♣ This shows 5+c♠, 4+c♣, and a minimum hand.

**No Reverses after 2/1 GF Auction**

When we open 1♥ partner will often make a 2/1 Game Forcing bid into a minor. In this case, we might still have a 4-4♠ fit. If Opener has 4-card ♠ and 5-card ♥ he can bid his ♠ suit naturally and not show any extra values (no longer a Reverse.) This allows us to easily find our 4-4♠ fit without either player needing to have extra values.

*Example*

1♥-2♣-2♠ This does not show “reverse values” since we are in a 2/1 GF Auction.

**Raising Partner**

1♠-2♥-3♥ 3+c♥, may or may not have extra values

1Major-2♦-3♦ 4+c♦, may or may not have extra values

1Major-2♣-3♣ 4+c♣, may nor may not have extra values

**Jump Rebids**

A jump rebid of Opener’s suit shows a self-sufficient suit and sets that as trump. It asks Responder to start cuebidding in order to look for slam. Raising Opener’s suit to game is the weakest action.

*Example*

1♠-2♦-3♠ Sets ♠ as trump and asks Responder to start cuebidding his Aces for slam.

**3N Rebid**

A Jump rebid of 3N shows 15-17 HCP with stoppers in the unbid suits. Since we didn’t open 1N we often are semi-balanced or have a singleton in Responder’s suit.

*Example*

♠ KQ10xx

♥ AQx

♦ xx

♣ KJx

1♠-2♦-3N

**Responder’s Rebid**

Responder’s rebid often clarifies the hand for our side. Responder will either show support for one of Opener’s suits, properly side notrump, or show a long suit of his own. Responder will also strive to show his pattern, but bidding notrump from the proper side or supporting Opener are the two primary objectives.

**Supporting Opener**

When we have 3-card support for Opener’s Major we cannot show that directly (Jacoby 2N promises 4-card trump support.) We instead start with a 2/1 Game Forcing bid and later support Opener’s suit.

*Example*

1♠-2♣-2♦-2♠ 12+ HCP and exactly 3-card ♠ support

**2N Rebid**

This is one of the most frequent rebids by the Responder. It is particularly common after three suits have been bid. When Responder has a stopper in the 4th suit and no fit for either of partner’s suits, he shows this by bidding 2N. This is also a useful bid because it saves space for Opener to give us more information.

*Example*

♠ Kx

♥ Axx

♦ J10xxx

♣ AQx

1♠-2♦-2♥-2N-3♥-4♥

**3N Rebid**

This shows stoppers in the unbid suits and extra HCP - specifically about 3 HCP more than a minimum game force (about 15-16 HCP.) It is a mild slam try.

*Example*

♠ Kx

♥ Ax

♦ AQxx

♣ K10xxx

1♠-2♣-2♥-3N

**4th Suit Rebid**

When Responder does not have a fit for either Opener’s suits and does not have a stopper in the 4th suit, he bids the 4th suit to ask Opener to bid notrump with a stopper in this suit. This is most common in a minor.

*Example*

1♠-2♣-2♥-3♦

This asks Opener to bid 3N with a stopper in ♦!

**Final Note**

These Rebids are not simple and it will take some time to get used to the exchange of information. But with practice the dance of showing your shape, exploring the Majors, and finding stoppers for notrump will become a lot of fun!