

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ Q 10 5
None Vul	♥ K Q J 10 5
	♦ 7 4
	♣ A Q 6

♠ K 9 7 6	♠ A 3 2
♥ 8 7 4 3	♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2	♦ Q J 5
♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 8 3 2



14	♠ J 8 4
7 7	♥ A 2
12	♦ K 10 9 6 3
	♣ K J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			

After North's 1 ♥ opening South counts 12 HCP plus one length point for the fifth ♦. That is enough for a 2/1 response so South says 2 ♦.

The partnership is now forced to reach game so North bids 2 NT. This describes a balanced hand with exactly 5 ♥s and no 4-card ♠ suit.

South is happy to play in Notrump, and with no extra strength above the 13 points already promised, uses Quick Arrival and bids 3 NT. North passes and a reasonable game contract is reached.

Notice that you would bid this hand the same way whether or not you play 2/1.

**Deal 2**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

	♠ A Q 10 7 3		
	♥ 9 7 6		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ 10 9 8		
♠ K J 8	♠ 6 5		
♥ A 2	♥ K Q J 8 4 3		
♦ K 10 9 6 3	♦ A 5		
♣ K J 4	♣ Q 6 3		
	♠ 9 4 2		
	♥ 10 5		
	♦ Q J 7 4		
	♣ A 7 5 2		
West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by East			

passes.

The hand would have been bid the same with or without 2/1.

East opens 1 ♥ and West, with 16 points, responds 2 ♦, forcing the partnership to game.

East has a minimum strength hand, but with a 6-card suit he rebids 2 ♥.

Opposite East's 6-card suit, West's doubleton is adequate support. If West had a minimum for her 2/1 response she might just jump to 4 ♥ to show no interest in slam. With a little extra she bids 3 ♥ since she knows the bidding cannot stop until game is reached. From West's perspective East might have a big hand; his 2-level rebid shows suit length but does not say anything about strength. This is one of the beauties of 2/1, the bidding can be kept low while you look for the best place to play. However, this time East merely bids the game and West

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 3 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ J 10 8 4  
 ♣ Q 8 5 2

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 3 6  
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 ♠ K 5  
 ♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ A K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by South			



♠ Q 6  
 ♥ A 8 2  
 ♦ A K Q 6 3  
 ♣ 7 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 4  
 ♥ 10 9 6  
 ♦ 9 2  
 ♣ J 10 9

With 16+ points and 3 ♥s, North will insist on a ♥ game at a minimum. But there is no need to start making jump bids, she starts with a simple 2 ♦ bid. South also refrains from a jump, and rebids 2 ♥ to show the 6-card suit.

North now says 3 ♥ to set the trump suit. At this point South reveals some slam interest, making a control-showing bid of 4 ♣. North continues the process, and bids 4 ♦, showing the ♦ A.

South has heard enough. He bids 4 NT, and when North admits to two Aces he bids the slam.

**Deal 4**

West Deals	♠ 4 2		
None Vul	♥ Q J		
	♦ A K Q 10 8 3		
	♣ 9 8 5		
♠ A K J 8 6 5	♠ Q		
♥ 4 3	♥ A 9 8 6 5		
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 6 2		
♣ K 6 3	♣ A 7 4 2		
	♠ 10 9 7 3		
12	♥ K 10 7 2		
11 10	♦ J 4		
7	♣ Q J 10		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠ by West			

West has a minimum 1♠ opening bid. After North's 2♦ overcall both West and East know that the 2/1 Game Force is no longer on. East can therefore bid 2♥, showing at least 11 points. This bid is forcing on West for 1 round, but not forcing to game.

West next rebids his ♠s, promising a 6-card suit, but also indicating a minimum strength hand! Since the Game Force is not on, West would have to make a jump bid to show extra strength.

East has nothing further to say so the partnership arrives in a safe contract.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ K Q 7 3 2

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	N	
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	S	

♠ K J 9 6 5  
♥ A K 8 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 4

♠ 8 7 3  
♥ J 9 2  
♦ K Q 10 9 8  
♣ J 5

♠ Q 4  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ A J 6  
♣ A 10 9 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

North opens 1 ♠, the higher ranking of the two 5-card suits.

South, with 14 points, responds 2 ♣, forcing the partnership to game.

North now bids his ♥ suit.

At this point South figures North for 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. South cannot support either of North's Majors, but with a good stopper in the fourth suit bids 2 NT. The game force is still on and North may not pass this bid.

North bids 3 ♥, indicating that this is also a 5-card suit. Now South can bid the ♥ game, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

**Deal 6**

South Deals	♠ Q 9 8 3
None Vul	♥ 6 4
	♦ J 10 8 2
	♣ K 6 5
♠ A J 10 7 4	♠ 6 5
♥ K 10 7	♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ A 9 5	♦ K Q 6 3
♣ 7 2	♣ Q 9



<sup>6</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup>	<sup>13</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup>	<sup>6</sup> <sup>13</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup>	<sup>6</sup> <sup>13</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup>
♠ A J 10 7 4	♥ K 2	♦ J 8 2	♣ A J 10 8 4 3
♥ K 10 7	♦ 7 4	♦ 7 4	
♦ A 9 5	♣ A J 10 8 4 3		
♣ 7 2			

West      North      East      South

1 ♠      Pass      2 ♥      Pass  
 3 ♥      Pass      4 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      Pass  
 4 ♥ by East

West opens 1 ♠ and East, with 14 points, responds 2 ♥. Note that East is not permitted to make this bid without a 5-card or longer ♥ suit.

West, knowing that East has 5, bids 3 ♥ to confirm the trump suit.

East has a minimum strength hand with no slam aspirations, so he uses Fast Arrival and bids 4 ♥. West is also satisfied to just play at game.

2/1 is a good bidding method, and here, 4 ♥ is a good contract. But you can see that it is not a laydown - there is no bidding system that will always reach To% contracts. In this hand a 3-3 ♦ split will provide the Tth trick, or if that fails, taking 2 ♠ finesses provides a 75% chance of success.

**Deal 7**

South Deals  
Both Vul

♠ Q 10 5

♥ K Q J 10 5

♦ 7 4

♣ A Q 6

♠ K 9 7 6

♥ 8 7 4 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ 7 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 3 2

♥ 9 6

♦ Q J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3 2

♠ J 8 4

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

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**Deal 8**      ♠ A Q 10 7 3

West Deals      ♥ 9 7 6

None Vul      ♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ A 5

♣ Q 6 3

♠ 9 4 2

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ A 7 5 2

6  
15 12  
7

**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ Q 8 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 9 2  
♣ J 10 9

15  
3 6  
16

♠ K 5  
♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K 4

**Deal 10**

East Deals	♠ 4 2
Both Vul	♥ Q J
	♦ A K Q 10 8 3
	♣ 9 8 5
♠ A K J 8 6 5	♠ Q
♥ 4 3	♥ A 9 8 6 5
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 6 3	♣ A 7 4 2
12 11 10 7	♠ 10 9 7 3 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q J 10

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 4

♠ A 10 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K Q 7 3 2



♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 10 9 8

♣ J 5

♠ Q 4

♥ Q 10 7

♦ A J 6

♣ A 10 9 8 6

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**Deal 12**      ♠ Q 9 8 3

West Deals      ♥ 6 4

N-S Vul      ♦ J 10 8 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ K 10 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q 9 5 3

♦ K Q 6 3

♣ Q 9

6  
**12**   **13**  
9

♠ K 2

♥ J 8 2

♦ 7 4

♣ A J 10 8 4 3

**Deal 13**

North Deals	♠ Q 10 5
Both Vul	♥ K Q J 10 5
	♦ 7 4
	♣ A Q 6
♠ K 9 7 6	♠ A 3 2
♥ 8 7 4 3	♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2	♦ Q J 5
♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 8 3 2
14 7 7 12	♠ J 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 3 ♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 7 3

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S♠ 6 5  
♥ K Q J 8 4 3  
♦ A 5  
♣ Q 6 36  
15 12  
7♠ 9 4 2  
♥ 10 5  
♦ Q J 7 4  
♣ A 7 5 2

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ Q 8 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 9 2  
♣ J 10 9

♠ K 5  
♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K 4

**15**  
**3 6**  
**16**

**Deal 16**

West Deals	♠ 4 2
E-W Vul	♥ Q J
	♦ A K Q 10 8 3
	♣ 9 8 5
♠ A K J 8 6 5	♠ Q
♥ 4 3	♥ A 9 8 6 5
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 6 3	♣ A 7 4 2
<b>12</b>	♠ 10 9 7 3
<b>11</b>	♥ K 10 7 2
<b>10</b>	♦ J 4
<b>7</b>	♣ Q J 10



**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 4

♠ A 10 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K Q 7 3 2



♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 10 9 8

♣ J 5

♠ Q 4

♥ Q 10 7

♦ A J 6

♣ A 10 9 8 6

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**Deal 18**      ♠ Q 9 8 3  
East Deals      ♥ 6 4  
N-S Vul      ♦ J 10 8 2  
                  ♣ K 6 5

♠ A J 10 7 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 7 2

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12 13  
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N  
W S E

♠ 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 5 3  
♦ K Q 6 3  
♣ Q 9

♠ K 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

**Deal 19**

South Deals	♠ Q 10 5
E-W Vul	♥ K Q J 10 5
	♦ 7 4
	♣ A Q 6
♠ K 9 7 6	♠ A 3 2
♥ 8 7 4 3	♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2	♦ Q J 5
♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 8 3 2
14 7 7 12	♠ J 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 3 ♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 20**      ♠ A Q 10 7 3

West Deals      ♥ 9 7 6

Both Vul      ♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ A 5

♣ Q 6 3

♠ 9 4 2

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ A 7 5 2

6  
15 12  
7

**Deal 21**North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ Q 8 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 9 2  
♣ J 10 9

♠ K 5  
♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K 4

**15**  
**3 6**  
**16**

**Deal 22**

East Deals	♠ 4 2
E-W Vul	♥ Q J
	♦ A K Q 10 8 3
	♣ 9 8 5
♠ A K J 8 6 5	♠ Q
♥ 4 3	♥ A 9 8 6 5
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 6 3	♣ A 7 4 2
<b>12</b>	♠ 10 9 7 3
<b>11</b>	♥ K 10 7 2
<b>10</b>	♦ J 4
<b>7</b>	♣ Q J 10

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 4

♠ A 10 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K Q 7 3 2



♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 10 9 8

♣ J 5

♠ Q 4

♥ Q 10 7

♦ A J 6

♣ A 10 9 8 6

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**Deal 24**      ♠ Q 9 8 3  
West Deals      ♥ 6 4  
None Vul      ♦ J 10 8 2  
                  ♣ K 6 5

♠ A J 10 7 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 7 2

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12 13  
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N  
W E  
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♠ 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 5 3  
♦ K Q 6 3  
♣ Q 9

♠ K 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 5

♥ K Q J 10 5

♦ 7 4

♣ A Q 6

♠ K 9 7 6

♥ 8 7 4 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ 7 5

N  
W S E

♠ A 3 2

♥ 9 6

♦ Q J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3 2

♠ J 8 4

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

**14**  
**7**    **7**  
**12**

**Deal 26**East Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A Q 10 7 3

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ A 5

♣ Q 6 3

♠ 9 4 2

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ A 7 5 2

6  
15 12  
7

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ Q 8 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 9 2  
♣ J 10 9

♠ K 5  
♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K 4

**15**  
**3 6**  
**16**

**Deal 28**

	♠ 4 2
West Deals	♥ Q J
N-S Vul	♦ A K Q 10 8 3
	♣ 9 8 5
♠ A K J 8 6 5	♠ Q
♥ 4 3	♥ A 9 8 6 5
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 6 3	♣ A 7 4 2
	♠ 10 9 7 3
12 11 10 7	♥ K 10 7 2
	♦ J 4
	♣ Q J 10



**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 4

♠ A 10 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K Q 7 3 2



♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 10 9 8

♣ J 5

♠ Q 4

♥ Q 10 7

♦ A J 6

♣ A 10 9 8 6

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**Deal 30**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 7 2

6  
**12**    **13**  
9

N  
W    E  
S

♠ Q 9 8 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ J 10 8 2  
♣ K 6 5

♠ 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 5 3  
♦ K Q 6 3  
♣ Q 9

♠ K 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

**Deal 31**

South Deals	♠ Q 10 5
N-S Vul	♥ K Q J 10 5
	♦ 7 4
	♣ A Q 6
♠ K 9 7 6	♠ A 3 2
♥ 8 7 4 3	♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2	♦ Q J 5
♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 8 3 2
<b>14</b> <b>7 7</b> <b>12</b>	♠ J 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 3 ♣ K J 4



**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 9 6 3

♣ K J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ A 5

♣ Q 6 3

♠ 9 4 2

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ A 7 5 2

6  
15 12  
7

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ Q 8 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 10 8 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 9 2  
♣ J 10 9

15  
3 6  
16

♠ K 5  
♥ K Q J 7 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K 4

**Deal 34**

East Deals      ♠ 4 2  
N-S Vul      ♥ Q J  
♦ A K Q 10 8 3  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ A K J 8 6 5  
♥ 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ K 6 3

**12**  
**11**    **10**  
7

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q  
♥ A 9 8 6 5  
♦ 9 6 2  
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ 10 9 7 3  
♥ K 10 7 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ Q J 10

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 4

♠ A 10 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K Q 7 3 2

W N  
S E

♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 10 9 8

♣ J 5

11  
9 7  
13♠ Q 4  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ A J 6  
♣ A 10 9 8 6

**Deal 36**

West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 8 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ J 10 8 2  
♣ K 6 5

♠ A J 10 7 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 7 2

6  
**12**    **13**  
9

N  
W    E  
S

♠ 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 5 3  
♦ K Q 6 3  
♣ Q 9

♠ K 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A J 10 8 4 3