

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

♠ K J 8 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 3 ♣ K J 4	♠ A Q 10 7 3 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 10 9 8	♠ 6 5 ♥ K Q J 8 4 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ Q 6 3
	6 15 12 7	♠ 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 3South 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

West	North	East	South
			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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 4 3 2
♣ K Q 7 3 2

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♠ 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



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♠ A J 10 7 4	♦ A 9 5	♣ 7 2	♥ K 10 7
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East		♠ K 2	♥ J 8 2
		♦ 7 4	♦ 7 4
		♣ A J 10 8 4 3	♣ A J 10 8 4 3

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.