

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 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.