

**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ A K 8 4 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ T 2  
♥ J 9 2  
♦ T 8 4 3 2  
♣ K Q 3

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker 2 over 1 5  
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 2NT. 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.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q 9 5 3

♦ K Q 6 3

♣ Q 9

♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

♣ K J T 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ by East

## Baker 2 over 1 6

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 T0% 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.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 4 3

♥ J 6 4

♦ Q T 8

♣ J 9 7 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker 2 over 1 7  
 South has 13 points and naturally opens 1♠.

North, with 15 points, would bid 2♥ in standard bidding, but with 2/1 this promises a 5-card suit. So instead, North responds 2♣, forcing the partnership to game. Note that holding two 4-card minors North bids them up-the-line, just as in standard bidding.

South has a nice 6-card ♠ suit, so you might think he would rebid them. But Opener's first responsibility with his second bid is to show a 4-card Major if he has one. This isn't much of a suit, but South still bids 2♥.

You can see why it is important for Opener to show a 4-card Major. Since North couldn't bid ♥s in her first response the fit would have been lost if South had not mentioned the suit. North now confirms the trump suit with a 3♥ bid, and South shows his minimum by just bidding the game.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5

♥ K 4

♦ A Q J T 7

♣ K 9 7

♠ 4 3

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K 6 3

♣ A T 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 2

♥ A Q 9 8 3

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 6

♠ Q J T 6

♥ J T 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q J 5

West

North

East

South

2♦

Pass

1♥

Pass

2NT

Pass

2♠

Pass

3 NT by East

Baker 2 over 1 8

East opens 1♥, his 5-card Major. West, with 14 points, naturally responds 2♦, forcing the partnership to game.

East next bids 2♠, showing the other Major suit. In standard bidding East would not be able to bid the ♠s since that would be a Reverse and East is far too weak to Reverse. But after a 2/1 Response the concept of a Reverse does not apply, and the priority of showing a 4-card Major certainly does apply.

West assumes East to be 4-5 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She bids 2NT. If East actually has 6 ♥s (or 5 ♠s) he will rebid the suit. West's 2NT bid guarantees a stopper in the fourth suit.

East does not have either 6 ♥s or 5 ♠s so he just bids 3NT. Notice that East never once considered the possibility of passing what might be a misfit - the initial 2/1 response unconditionally forced the partnership to reach a game somewhere.