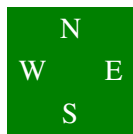


Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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 2over1 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

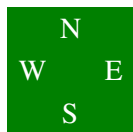
♠ A J T 7 4
 ♥ K T 7
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ 7 2

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A 8 6



♠ 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
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass

4 ♥ by East

Baker 2over1 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

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♠ 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 2over1 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



♠ 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
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

Baker 2over1 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.