

**Deal 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
**7**   **7**  
**12**

West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♥      Pass      2 ♦  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT  
3 NT by North

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

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

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**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 4 2	♦ K J 8		
♥ 10 5	♥ A 2		
♦ Q J 7 4	♦ K 10 9 6 3		
♣ A 7 5 2	♣ K J 4		
	♠ A Q 10 7 3		
	♥ 9 7 6		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ 10 9 8		
	♠ 6 5		
15 7 6 12	♥ K Q J 8 4 3		
	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q 6 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

game and North passes.

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

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

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

Opposite South's 6-card suit, North's doubleton is adequate support. If North 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 North's perspective South 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 South merely bids the

**Deal 3**

North Deals	♠ K 5 ♥ K Q J 7 4 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A K 4		
None Vul			
♠ A J 10 8 4	♠ 9 7 3 2		
♥ 10 9 6	♥ 5		
♦ 9 2	♦ J 10 8 4		
♣ J 10 9	♣ Q 8 5 2		
	♠ Q 6		
16 6 3 15	♥ A 8 2 ♦ A K Q 6 3 ♣ 7 6 3		
<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 North			

With 16+ points and 3 ♥s, South 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. North also refrains from a jump, and rebids 2 ♥ to show the 6-card suit.

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

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

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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



West	North	East	South
2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

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

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

North 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

11  
9 7  
13



♠ 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**

West Deals

None Vul

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

12	6
9	6
13	

N	
W	E
S	

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

♠ 6 5	
♥ A Q 9 5 3	
♦ K Q 6 3	
♣ Q 9	

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

of success.

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

North, knowing that South has 5, bids 3 ♥ to confirm the trump suit.

South has a minimum strength hand with no slam aspirations, so he uses Fast Arrival and bids 4 ♥. North 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