

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0082:
"Opener's *Rebid* Options After Responder
Triggers '2 Over 1' During the Auction"**

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As many avid readers of the "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" are doubtless aware, Esther is a *Super Big Fan* of the "**2 Over 1**" ("**2/1**") Bridge Convention. As Esther explicitly says on her Lessons Home Page:

In Esther's (not very) humble opinion, "2 Over 1" (and "Jacoby 2NT") are vitaly important conventions for newer players to learn **early on even when first learning to play bridge. These are *powerful* conventions when they are bid, and *equally important* information is communicated to Partner when these conventions are instead not bid.**

Esther in "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #1" explains the details of the "2/1" Convention:

<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/2 over 1.pdf>

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¹ As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

When Partners are playing "2/1" there are exactly 6 bidding sequences in which Responder can *immediately* show Partner that Responder holds ~13 HCPs and thus a final contract must be set somewhere *at least* between 3NT and 4S, if not higher:²

Responding Partner shows Opener (1) at least opening points and (2) at least 5 cards if the Response bid is 2H, and 4+ cards if the Minors are bid at the 2 level by Responder, in each of (and only) the following 6 (and ONLY exactly 6) "Positive 2/1" bidding sequences:

1. 1S, 2H ["I have 5+ Hearts, 13+ points."]
2. 1S, 2D ["I have 4+ Diamonds, 13+ points."]
3. 1S, 2C ["I have 4+ Clubs, 13+ points."]
4. 1H, 2D ["I have 4+ Diamonds, 13+ points."]
5. 1H, 2C ["I have 4+ Clubs, 13+ points."]
6. 1D, 2C ["I have 4+ Clubs, 13+ points."]

Within "2 Over 1" Opener is expected to **rebid** his Suit *if* he holds an extra card not initially shown by his 1st bid.

There are, however, *variations* in how Partners agree to play 2nd bids by Opener once the "2 Over 1" Convention has been triggered. The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" explores some of these *variations* which must be sorted out by Partnership Agreement prior to play the bridge table.³

All the 'Pop' Quiz questions presented here presume that the Responder's RHO PASSED in each auction, and that Opener bid 1S and Responder bid 2C in every case.

1. As Dealer, you hold:

♠ K Q J 9 4 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ A Q (12)

What will you bid at your second turn in the auction?

² "2 Over 1" is "off" if the Responder's RHO bids *anything* other than PASS.

³ The ideas presented here are drawn from Marty Bergen's *excellent* article, "Opener Rebids After a 2/1 Response to His Major", in the July, 2024 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. The Hands presented here are also modeled on Hands presented by Bergen in his article.

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