

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0127:  
"Can You Correctly Bid  
This Somewhat Unusual Board?"**

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As noted on the Home Page of the "Esther Bridge Lessons":

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 when you and Partner are playing them but instead do not bid them!

Esther especially likes "**2 Over 1**" ("**2/1**") because *quickly* within the auction Partners both know whether they can or likely cannot set a final contract somewhere between **3NT** and **4S** inclusive.

Readers who want to know more about the "**2 Over 1**" convention can consult "**Esther Bridge Lesson #1: '2 Over 1' ('2/1') Convention: Responses to Partner's '2/1'-Eligible Suit Opening Bid**": [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/2 over 1.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/2%20over%201.pdf)

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<sup>1</sup> 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](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.

Knoxville 499er 2/10/25 Board #9

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vulnerability: **E/W**

NORTH (17)

**S:** A 9 8  
**H:** --  
**D:** A K J T 6 5  
**C:** A J 6 3

WEST (8)

**S:** Q T 6 2  
**H:** K J T 6 3  
**D:** Q 4 2  
**C:** 5

EAST (1)

**S:** J 7 4 3  
**H:** 9 4 2  
**D:** 7 3  
**C:** T 8 7 4

SOUTH (14)

**S:** K 5  
**H:** A Q 8 7 5  
**D:** 9 8  
**C:** K Q 9 2

**Bidding**

NORTH

1**D**

EAST

PASS

SOUTH

???

WEST

N/S are playing the "2 Over 1" Convention. Within this convention Responders can bid "2 Over 1" showing an opening point count whenever (1) Partner opens 1**D**, 1**H** or 1**S** at his 1<sup>st</sup> turn in the auction and (2) Opponents PASS at each turn.

1. Sitting **3rd** within the auction as SOUTH what would you bid on this Board at your 1<sup>st</sup> turn to bid?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
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