

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0072:  
"Some Nuances About the '2 Over 1' ('2/1')  
Bridge Convention: The *Most Important* Convention  
in Bridge, Especially for Newer Players"**

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Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **E/W**

NORTH (12)  
**S:** A K T 9 4  
**H:** J T  
**D:** 6 2  
**C:** A 9 8 7

SOUTH (12)  
**S:** Q 9  
**H:** Q 7 5 4  
**D:** Q 3  
**C:** K Q J T 6

**Bidding**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 <b>S</b>	PASS	2 <b>C</b>	PASS
3 <b>C</b>	PASS	???	

**Questions #1-#4**

1. Was NORTH's opening bid of 1**S** when holding only 12 HCPs an appropriate/reasonable bid?

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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.

2. In the "2 Over 1" ("2/1") convention, what does SOUTH's 2C response bid promise Partner?
3. What does NORTH's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid of 3C say to Partner?
4. What are the reasonable options for SOUTH's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid, and what would you bid sitting SOUTH with this Hand in this auction?

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