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**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 4

♦ J T 3

♣ 8 7 6

♠ Q J 4

♥ A K

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q J T 5 2



♠ 7 3

♥ J T 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 8 2

♣ 9 4

♠ K T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ A Q 5 4

♣ A K 3

West      North      East      South

Pass

1NT

Pass

6NT

Pass

6NT by South

**Board 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 8 5  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ 9 7 6 4  
♣ J T 2

♠ K 7 4

♥ Q J 5

♦ K J T

♣ A 7 4 3

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

♠ Q J 9  
♥ A K 8  
♦ A Q 5 3  
♣ K Q 8

West            North            East            South  
Pass            6NT            All Pass            2NT

6NT by North

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The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is NORTH who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when SOUTH indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

to 6NT.

**Board 3**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2  
♥ J 8 5 3  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ A T 3 2

♠ A T 6

♥ A Q 4

♦ K Q J T

♣ K J 7



♠ K Q J 9 4  
♥ T 7 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ Q 8 4

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ K 9 6  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

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NORTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2NT.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3NT.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 3 2  
♥ Q J 9 5  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 6 3

♠ 7 6 4  
♥ A K 8  
♦ K Q  
♣ A J T 7 4



♠ Q J 8  
♥ 6 2  
♦ T 5 4 3  
♣ 9 8 5 2

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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

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This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

NORTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when SOUTH opens 1NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so NORTH

GOES

to 6NT.

**Board 5**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ T 8 4 2

♣ A J

♠ K J 9

♥ A Q

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K T 4



♠ Q 7 4

♥ K J 9 7 4

♦ 6

♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ T 6 3

♥ T 8 5

♦ A 7 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

West      North      East      South

Pass

2NT

Pass

South

All Pass

3NT by South

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NORTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2NT.

SOUTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3NT.

$$(20 + 6 = 26) \quad (21 + 6 = 27)$$

**Board 6**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 5  
♥ Q J 7 2  
♦ J 7 3  
♣ 8 4 3

♠ Q T 3

♥ K T 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ T 7 5 2



♠ K J 9 2  
♥ A 9 8  
♦ Q T 8  
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1NT.

With 9 points, NORTH has invitational strength, so he says 2NT.

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.