

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 10

7
8 9
16

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ 8 5 3

♥ K 9 6

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 9 6 5



♠ A 10 6

♥ A 7 4

♦ K Q 10 2

♣ K 8 4

North

Pass

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

SOUTH has a perfect 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

NORTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 (7 + 17).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 5 2

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 8 2

♣ J 5 3 2

12

5 7

16

♠ 10 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4



♠ 8 6 3

♥ Q J 7 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 9 7

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 10 8

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A Q 6

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

3 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has an ideal 1 NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH also has a balanced hand she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ K J 9 8 2

14
 5 5
 16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A J 3
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ Q J 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 7



♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ A 6 5

North

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1 NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3 NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ K 8 5 2
 ♣ 10 8 4

7
 8 8
 17

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ A K 5 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ 7 6 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 NT

When SOUTH opens 1 NT, NORTH knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 4

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 10 9 5 2

♣ A 6 4

9
6 8
17

♠ 10 8 6 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ K 4 3

♣ K 7 5

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♠ K Q J

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ A J 8

♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 7 6

♣ 9 8 3 2

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

SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

NORTH has 9 points:

- if SOUTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if SOUTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since NORTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to SOUTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for SOUTH to bid game.

SOUTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

9
9 5
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3



♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.