Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

	♠ A 8 3 2	
	♡ K 10 9	
	◊ A J 7	
	♣ K Q 6	

♠ Q		♠ K J 7 6 5
♡ A 8 5 3	N	♡ 7 6 2
◊ 9 6 3	W E	◊ 10 8 4
♣ 10 8 7 4 2	S	♣ A 3

	♠ 10 9 4	
	♡ Q J 4	
	◊ K Q 5 2	
	♣ J 9 5	

17
6 8
9

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

3 NT by North

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8 4
♡ A K 7 2
♢ 6 5
♣ K 9 3

♠ 9 5 3
♡ Q J 9
♢ Q 9 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2
♡ 10 8 6 3
♢ K J 10 3
♣ J 6 4

14
7 5
14

♠ A Q 10 6
♡ 5 4
♢ A 8 7 4
♣ A 8 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♢
Pass	1 ♡	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

With two 4-card Majors NORTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding

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s first.

Then, after SOUTH bids 1♠, NORTH has enough points to jump all the way to 4♠.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

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             ♠ K Q 10 8 4
             ♡ A 7
             ◇ K Q 5
             ♣ Q 10 6
♠ 7                        ♠ J 5 2
♡ J 10 3 2      N          ♡ K 9 8 5
◇ 8 7 4 3    W   E         ◇ J 10
♣ A K 9 2       S          ♣ 8 5 4 3
             ♠ A 9 6 3
     16      ♡ Q 6 4
   8   5     ◇ A 9 6 2
     11      ♣ J 7
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West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4♠ by North

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1♠.

SOUTH has excellent ♠ support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3♠, which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♡ 10 6 4
♦ K Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 7 3

♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♡ K 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ Q J 6

♠ J 5 2
♡ Q 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6
♡ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2

5
8   6
21

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

3 NT by South

SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2♣ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 6 points to SOUTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

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suit to be useful to NORTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.