

**Deal 1**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 5 4  
♥ Q 10 8  
♦ Q J 10 5  
♣ 6 4 3

3  
9 7  
21

*West*

Pass  
2 NT by South

♠ K 8 3  
♥ 9 6 5 2  
♦ 7 4 3  
♣ 8 5 2



♠ Q J 10  
♥ A J 7  
♦ A K 6 2  
♣ K Q J

*North*

Pass

♠ 9 7 6 2  
♥ K 4 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A 10 9 7

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

2 NT

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, SOUTH opens 2 NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2 NT.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 8 6

♦ J 9 7

♣ Q 9 6

12  
7 5  
16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3



♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 6 3

♣ 7 5 3

14  
2 4  
20

*West*

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 5

♦ A 7 4 2

♣ Q J 8

♠ A J 5

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ K Q J

♣ A K 6

*North*

6 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 3

♥ A 8 6 4

♦ 10 8 5

♣ 10 9 4 2

*South*

2 NT

Pass

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 8

♣ J 10 8

8  
6 9  
17

*West*

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q 8 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

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|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ A K 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 7 4 3

♣ A 6 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 NT

NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1 NT  
NORTH knows that the partnership has a  
25 points at most so

he passes again.