

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ Q J 7 5
None Vul	♥ A
	♦ A K Q 3
	♣ K 10 6 2
♠ A 6 4	♠ 9 2
♥ K Q 9 3	♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ 7 4 2	♦ J 10 5
♣ 9 8 5	♣ A 7 4

19	♠ K 10 8 3
9 5	♥ J 7 2
7	♦ 9 8 6
	♣ Q J 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1â™.

NORTH now knows that â™'s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4â™.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 5

9
 7 8
16

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♠ 10 9 6 3
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K 6 4

♠ 8
 ♥ A 9 6 3
 ♦ K 10 8 5 3
 ♣ J 7 2

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2
 ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass			Pass
4 ♠ by South			

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 \hat{a} TM rather than 1 NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 4 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 7 3

12
4 4
20

West

♠ Q 10 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A 7 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2

North

East

South
2 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass
4 NT by South

SOUTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

NORTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites SOUTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point SOUTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ J 10 4		
None Vul	♥ AJ 6		
	♦ K 5 3		
	♣ 10 8 7 2		
♠ A Q 8	♠ K 7 3 2		
♥ 8 5 4	♥ 10 9 7 3		
♦ Q 10 9 6 4	♦ J 2		
♣ 9 6	♣ A 5 4		
	♠ 9 6 5		
9	♥ K Q 2		
8	♦ A 8 7		
15	♣ K Q J 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 NT by South			

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 9 8 3

18
5 8
9



♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ A K
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A K Q 5

♠ A K
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ J 10 6

♠ J 9 7 5
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A K J
♣ 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3 \hat{a} TM and SOUTH bids the game.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 5 4 3
None Vul	♥ A 7 2
	♦ K 10 6 5
	♣ 9 8 5

♠ A 10 9 8 2	♠ 7 6
♥ 10 9 4	♥ J 6 5 3
♦ 8 4 2	♦ A 7
♣ Q 6	♣ J 10 7 4 3

N	W	E
S		

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.