

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

21
7 9
3
♦ 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

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

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

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that
NORTH 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
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12	7	5	16

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



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

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 3West Deals
None Vul

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

20
4 2
14

♠ A J 5
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A K 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 7 5 3

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ A 7 4 2
 ♣ Q J 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

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

bid according to that answer.

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

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

Deal 4

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



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

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

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.