

Deal 1

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

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

17	♠ 10 8 4
5 9	♥ K 7 2
9	♦ Q 6 5
	♣ K J 9 3

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



♠ K Q 3	♦ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2	♣ 5 4 2

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

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

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

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

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

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♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 NT by East			

This time EAST has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

WEST has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

EAST, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 10 6 4

10 2
8
20

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 NT

2 NT by South

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



♠ K Q 6
♥ A J 10 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 8
 ♥ A 10 9
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ K 9 7

6
 16 9
 9

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

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 7 2
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K J 8 5 4
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 4 3

WEST has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

EAST has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking WEST to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But WEST has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good" and bids 3 NT.

Deal 5
North Deals
None Vul

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

20
5 7
8

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

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

NORTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

SOUTH has 8 points. She adds NORTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement.
So she bids 3 NT and NORTH passes.