

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4

♥ Q J 9 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ 6 2

23
8 8
1

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

♦

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A 9 8 6 3

5
 8 5
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 6
 ♣ 5 4 2



♠ A 8 2
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q 10

North

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

♦

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

22
 5 6
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8
 ♣ A K 4



♠ Q J 10 7 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ 6 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 NT

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♠.

NORTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does NOT rebid the ♠s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 4
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ Q J 4
 ♣ K 3 2

4
 8 6
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4

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W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 2

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ A 10

North

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

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SOUTH now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

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NORTH likes

♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

♥

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ K 10 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

26
 5 5
 4

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8

♥ J 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ Q 7 2

1
11 8
20

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ 8 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A K

♠ Q 5

♥ 10 9

♦ K Q 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

♥

.

NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 5
♥ 4
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 10 9 8 6

7
5 3
25

♠ 4 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 7 5 3



♠ A K 6 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q

♠ Q 9 7
♥ 10 6 3
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ J 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

SOUTH has a nice 2♣ opening hand.

With 8 points, NORTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

♥

suit.

SOUTH likes

♥

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH bids 6

♥

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Deal 8

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 10 2
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ A K 2
♣ K

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 6
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 6 5



♠ 7 4
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ J 3 2

22
4 2
12

♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 ♠
ALL	Pass		
7 ♠ by South			

Deal 9

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 10 5 4
♦ J 10 7 6 3
♣ K 4 2

22
4 7
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ A K J 2

♦ A K Q

♣ 8 6



♠ A J 10 7 2

♥ 9 8 7

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♠

NORTH has a minimum 2♣ opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

NORTH shows the ♠ support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4♠ which NORTH passes.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4
 ♥ J 10 7 6 3
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ 6 2

8
 4 6
 22

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ K 7 6 4
 ♣ 9 5 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q 9
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ A 8 3
 ♣ A J 7 4

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

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

SOUTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2♣, expecting to rebid 2 NT.

But NORTH responds a positive 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

SOUTH bids what his hand is worth, 3 NT and NORTH passes.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 4
♥ K 4
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ Q J 10 7

5
8 4
23

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ Q 10 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 5 4



♠ A K 9
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 9 3

North

2 ♦

3 ♣

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

3 ♥

Pass

SOUTH opens 2♣ and NORTH responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3♣ Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

♥

suit and NORTH bids 4

♥

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Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ K J 3

♠ J 7 4
♥ J 10 7 6 3
♦ Q 9 2
♣ 5 2



♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 9 8 6

11
4 1
24

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A Q 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

NORTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2 NT to SOUTH's 2♣ opening bid.

SOUTH bids 3 NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6 NT.

Deal 13

South Deals

None Vul

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

4
 7 9
 20

♠ 7 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 4 2

♣ Q 9 3



♠ A K Q 8 6

♥ A K 10 8 2

♦ A

♣ 8 6

♠ J 5 3

♥ J 6

♦ K J 9 8 3

♣ K 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

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SOUTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♠.

NORTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2 NT.

SOUTH now shows her second suit, 3

♥

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NORTH is happy to bid the game in

♥

s.

Deal 14

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 4 3
♣ A 8 7 6 5

23
4 2
11

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q 10



♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2

North

2 ♣

3 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♦

6 NT

NORTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2♣ and expects to rebid 2 NT.

SOUTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

♦

she must jump to the 3-level.

NORTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3 NT.

SOUTH bids 6 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15

South Deals

None Vul

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

8
 3 4
 25

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 10 9 7 2

♥ 9 7 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 3



♠ K 6

♥ A K Q J 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J

North

2 ♠

4 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

Pass

pass

pass

NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

SOUTH bids her

♥

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

♥

bid.

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two Aces she bids

6 NT. She could also have bid 6

♥

but 6 NT scores a little more.

Deal 16

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ 10 9 8 5

22
6 7
5

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K Q 10 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3

North

2 ♣
2 ♠
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

2 ♦
3 ♠
Pass

SOUTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

♦

to NORTH's opening 2♣ bid.

NORTH bids his 5-card ♠ suit.

SOUTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports NORTH's ♠.

NORTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4♠.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
 ♥ 10 9 6 4
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

25
 5 1
 9

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ A Q
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8
 ♣ A K 4



♠ K J 7 2
 ♥ A 7 5
 ♦ J 4 2
 ♣ 6 5 3

North

2 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2 NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6 NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7 NT. But he doesn't.

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Deal 18

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ Q 5 3

6
7 3
24

♠ 7
♥ K Q J 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 5
♦ A K 2
♣ A K 2

♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ 7
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ J 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	ALL	Pass

6 ♥ by North

Deal 20

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 9 8 7

12
4 2
22

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

4 ♠
Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10 5

♥ 8 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3



♠ K Q 8 7

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A K J 6

♣ 6

♠ 9 3

♥ J 9 7 4 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ J 4 2

After SOUTH's 2♣ opening, NORTH bids 2 NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. NORTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is Stayman, asking NORTH for a 4-card Major. NORTH mentions his ♠s and

SOUTH bids 4♠, showing a minimum 2♣ opener with 4 ♠s.

Now NORTH adds his 12 points to SOUTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6♠.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ Q 4 2

3
10 7
20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ 10 7 6 3



♠ A K Q 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 6
♦ 10 6
♣ A

North

2 ♦

3 ♣

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

♦

to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid,

then bids 3♣ as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2♠.

However, when SOUTH then bids

♥

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

♥

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Deal 21

South Deals

None Vul

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

8
 4 6
 22

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K J 2

♥ Q 7 5

♦ Q 10 7 2

♣ 7 5 3



♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

SOUTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But NORTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so SOUTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since SOUTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

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Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 10 2
♣ K J 9 8 5

6
5 6
23

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 7 4



♠ A Q J 2
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 6

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 10 9 7
♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 10 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	ALL	Pass
4 ♠ by South			

Deal 25

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ 9 3
♣ J 6 2

22
4 3
11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4



♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 5 3

North

2 ♣

4 ♣

5 ♣

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

South

2 NT

4 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 10 3

♦ 5 4

♣ Q 10 9 8 7

Deal 27

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 6 5 2
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ 5
♣ 9 8 6

22
6 5
7

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

6 ♦ by South

♠ 8

♥ A K Q 5

♦ A K 7 2

♣ K Q J 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q J 9 8 6 3

♣ A 4

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♦

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♦

5 ♦

Pass

When NORTH opens 2♣ SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

♦

s, she must jump to 3

♦

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NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6

♦

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