

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ A 8 4 3

♦ A 5 2

♣ 4

♠ A Q T

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 3

♣ A J T



♠ K 7 5

♥ T 9 5 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 6 3

♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3♣

3 NT by North

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SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid
3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long
suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ K Q J

♠ K 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ A T 8 7



♠ J 4
 ♥ K J T 9 6 3
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ 4 2

♠ T 7
 ♥ A 7 5
 ♦ T 9 4 2
 ♣ 9 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

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 When EAST opens with a Weak 2

bid, WEST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if EAST has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

EAST returns to

s to show bare minimum so WEST settles for game.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 7 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 9 2

♠ J T 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4



♠ 4

♥ J 9

♦ K T 8 5

♣ A T 8 7 5 3

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2♠

Pass

3♠

All Pass

3♣

3♠ by North

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NORTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to SOUTH. He needs

more information about SOUTH's hand, so he bids 2NT.

SOUTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3 to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

s rather than so

he signs off in 3

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ A K 6 5

♠ K T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 7

♦ 9

♣ Q J 7 2



♠ 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K Q T 8 7 2

♣ 9 4

♠ Q J

♥ A J T 8 6

♦ 6 5 3

♣ T 8 3

West	North	East	South
		2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3 NT by West

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she bids 3NT.

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With four fast winners WEST should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about EAST's hand.

WEST found out that EAST has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 2
♥ T 9 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ K Q 8

♥ A K 8

♦ J 4 3

♣ A T 6 5



♠ T 6 4 3

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ T 7

♣ K J 4

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

West	North	East	South
			2 ♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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NORTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good SOUTH's hand is.

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH has the exact hand to say 3NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.