

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

	N	
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♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ J 4 2
♦ T
♣ Q 7 3

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT

6NT by South

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

.
There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ A Q T 7
♣ K J T 2

♠ K J 6

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

	N		E
W			S

♠ T 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

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

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2

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

3 ♠ by South

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 6 4 2

♣ A 2

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3



♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
	3♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

If the opening lead is a ♠ or a

then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ 8 5
♦ K J T 8 6 4
♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 6 5
♥ T 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2 SOUTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 7 5 4
 ♥ Q 9 8
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ K 7



♠ K J 8
 ♥ K 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A J T
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ Q T 4

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

3 NT by South

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SOUTH responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high
 SOUTH should bid 3NT.