

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 4 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 7 3

12
4 4
20

♠ Q 10 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2

West North East South
Pass 4 NT Pass 2 NT
Pass
4 NT by South

SOUTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

NORTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites SOUTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point SOUTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 2

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

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

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

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ 9 8 3

18
 5 8
 9

♠ Q 10 8 2
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A K Q 5

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ J 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♣ by South			

NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1â™£.

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1â™.

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3â™ and SOUTH bids the game.

Deal 4

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

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

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

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

SOUTH has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.