

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 9 8 5

19
9 5
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K Q 3
♣ K 10 6 2



♠ K 10 8 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q J 3

North

1 ♦

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

1TM

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SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1TM.

NORTH now knows that 1TMs will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4TM.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 5

9
7 8
16

♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ 7 5 4
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 6 4



♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 3

♠ 8
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ K 10 8 5 3
♣ J 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1♠TM rather than 1 NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2♠TM.

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3♠TM.

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4♠TM.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
 ♥ 10 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ A 7 3

12
 4 4
 20

West

Pass
 Pass

4 NT by South

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



♠ K J 3
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ K J 4 2

North

4 NT

East

Pass

♠ A 7 6 4 2
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ 9 8 6

South

2 NT

Pass

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ 8 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 6

9
 8 8
 15

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



♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ K Q J 3

♠ K 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 7 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A 5 4

<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 5

North 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



♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
	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 1st NT.

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

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

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 8 2
 ♥ 10 9 4
 ♦ 8 4 2
 ♣ Q 6

7
 6 6
 21

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ K 10 6 5
 ♣ 9 8 5



♠ K Q J
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q J 9 3
 ♣ A K 2

♠ 7 6
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ J 10 7 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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.