

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K J 3		
None Vul	♥ K Q 5		
	♦ A Q J		
	♣ K J 4 2		
♠ A 7 6 4 2	♠ 9 5		
♥ 9 2	♥ 10 8 7 4 3		
♦ 6 4 2	♦ 8 7 5		
♣ 9 8 6	♣ A 7 3		
20 4 4 12	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A J 6 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ Q 10 5		
West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 NT by North			

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

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

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

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

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 9 15  
 8

West

2 NT

2 NT by East

♠ K 7 3 2  
 ♥ 10 9 7 3  
 ♦ J 2

♣ A 5 4

	N	
W		E
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♠ 9 6 5  
 ♥ K Q 2  
 ♦ A 8 7  
 ♣ K Q J 3

♠ A Q 8  
 ♥ 8 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 4  
 ♣ 9 6

North  
Pass

East  
1 NT

South  
Pass

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

WEST, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite EAST to bid game if he

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

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

**Deal 3**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

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**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q 8  
♦ Q J 9 3  
♣ A K 2

6  
**21**  
6 7

♠ A 10 9 8 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 8 4 2

♣ Q 6

W	N
S	E

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

♠ 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 West			

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

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

slam so she just bids 3 NT.