

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

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

But SOUTH 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7
♥ A 7 5
♦ T 9 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ A Q 6 3

♥ Q 8 2

♦ A K Q

♣ K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

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bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

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

SOUTH returns to

s to show bare minimum so NORTH 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

	N	E
W		S
	♠ 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
			2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

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 \$,o

he signs off in 3

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 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

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ A K 6 5

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

3 NT by South

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she bids 3NT.

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

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

SOUTH found out that NORTH 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

3NT by North

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

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

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

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