

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

17	♠ K Q 3
7 10	♦ J 9 6 4
6	♦ 8 6 2
	♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			



♠ A 9 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 3
♣ Q 4

SOUTH's 2

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raise shows 6-10 points and at least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 8 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 2

12
7 6
15



♠ K 8 6 5
♥ Q J 7 3 2
♦ —
♣ 9 7 5 3

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A J 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has an ideal 1 NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 8 5 2
 ♥ 10 8 7 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 10 9 7

6
 9 11
 14

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

♠ 9
 ♥ Q J 4 3
 ♦ K Q J 9 6 3
 ♣ Q 4

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♠ Q J 6 4
 ♥ A 9 5
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A K 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by North			

bid she merely raises to 2TM.

With his minimum response hand NORTH passes.

With 6 points, NORTH must respond to SOUTH's 1TM opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", NORTH should

skip over the weak

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suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major âTM suit.

SOUTH knows that NORTH may only have four âTM's, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening

Deal 4

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

6	♠ Q J 6
9 9	♥ A K Q 7 2
16	♦ A 5 3
	♣ 6 4

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



With 17 points SOUTH is not strong enough to insist on game after NORTH's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3
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bid.

NORTH, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 2

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6 8
9



♠ A 8 3 2
♥ K 10 9
♦ A J 7
♣ K Q 6

♠ K J 7 6 5
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A 3

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ J 9 5

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

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6

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

$\begin{matrix} 14 \\ 7 \quad 5 \\ 14 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \text{ A Q 10 6} \\ \heartsuit \text{ 5 4} \\ \diamondsuit \text{ A 8 7 4} \\ \clubsuit \text{ A 8 2} \end{matrix}$
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

With two 4-card Majors NORTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding

\hat{a}^{TM}

s first.

Then, after SOUTH bids $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, NORTH has enough points to jump all the way to $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.