

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7	♦ 8 7 4 3	♥ J 10 3 2	♣ A K 9 2
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16	8 5	11
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by North

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



NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH has excellent  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>, which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ 10 6 4  
 ♦ K Q 10 9 6  
 ♣ 10 7 3

6  
 5 21  
 8

♠ J 5 2  
 ♥ Q 8 7 5 2  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ K 9 4

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♠ A K 6  
 ♥ A J 9  
 ♦ A J 2  
 ♣ A 8 5 2

♠ Q 10 9 4 3  
 ♥ K 3  
 ♦ 7 4 3  
 ♣ Q J 6

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

EAST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2<sup>TM</sup>£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

WEST adds her 6 points to EAST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

â<sup>TM</sup>!

suit to be useful to WEST in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
9    10  
8

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

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

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

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

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level.  
So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

**♠ K Q 10 7 3****♥ A 4 2****♦ 9 7 5****♣ A 6****♠ A 5 4****♥ 10 9 6****♦ J 4****♣ K Q 9 8 3****♠ J 9 6 2****♥ K Q 7 5****♦ 8 3****♣ 10 7 4****♠ 8****♥ J 8 3****♦ A K Q 10 6 2****♣ J 5 2****10****13 6****11**

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

WEST has a normal 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>,

passed by WEST.

EAST does not consider showing the

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> Y

s,

first because she knows there is a  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

**Deal 5**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 4 3  
<sup>18</sup>

West      North      East      South  
 Pass      1 NT      Pass      6 NT  
 6 NT by North

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

♠ Q 9 7 6  
 ♥ J 10 8 4 3  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ 7 6 4 3

♠ K J 4  
 ♥ K Q 9 2  
 ♦ A Q 5  
 ♣ K 10 8

N  
 W     E  
 S

With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

**Deal 6**

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

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



7	♠ 8 3
20 7	♥ J 8 5 4 3
6	♦ K J 9
	♣ J 4 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

WEST is right at the maximum for a 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£.

EAST does not have 3-card  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

WEST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.