

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

¹⁷
8 6
9

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J 10

W N
S E

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 10 9 5 2
♣ A 6 4

♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

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

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2

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

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

W	N
S	E

⁹ ⁹ ⁵ ¹⁷	♠ A 9 7 6
	♥ A Q 4
	♦ A J 4
	♣ Q 10 8

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

With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ K 9 5 3
 ♣ 6 3 2

15
 6 10
 9

♠ A 10 6

♥ K 9 8
 ♦ A J 2

♣ K 10 9 5

W N
S E

♠ 8 7 3
 ♥ J 10 6 4
 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ A Q J

♠ K Q 4 2
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ 8 7 4

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

This time NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

NORTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 10 6 4

10 2
8
20

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass
2 NT by South

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ J 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 3

♠ 9 8 3
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ A Q

♠ K Q 6
♥ A J 10 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.