

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

16
9 8
7

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S
♠ J 9 4
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

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

NORTH has a perfect 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 ($7 + 17$).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ K 8 4

12 7
 16 5

West

3 NT
 3 NT by East

♠ 8 6 3
 ♥ Q J 7 4
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ 10 9 7

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ K J 5 2
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ J 5 3 2

North
 Pass
 1 NT
 Pass

East
 Pass
 South
 Pass

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

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

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST also has a balanced hand she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K J 9 8 2

14
5 5
16

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

♠ A J 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ Q 10 7



♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ 4 3

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1 NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3 NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

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

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



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

1 NT by West

When WEST opens 1 NT, EAST knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Deal 5West 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
E
S

♠ 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 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 9 3

5
 9 17
 9

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

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 9 7 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ Q 10 8

♠ K Q 3
 ♥ J 6 3
 ♦ K 9 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

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

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

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

Deal 7
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

10 9
15 6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5

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

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

NORTH 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.

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

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6
♥ A J 10 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

10
20 **2**
8

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 10 6 4

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

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

2 NT by West

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

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

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

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 9West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K J 8 5 4
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 4 3

16
 9 6
 9

♠ A 10 8
 ♥ A 10 9
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ K 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 7 2
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8

NORTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But NORTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6

5
8 20
7

♠ 7 5 3

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ A 7 6

♣ 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

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

EAST has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

WEST has 8 points. She adds EAST's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and EAST passes.

Deal 11
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6



♠ A 10 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4

♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

West *North* *East* *South*
Pass 4 NT Pass 1 NT
4 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 11

Deal 12

Deal 12

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 3 2**♥ J 9 3****♦ 9 8 4****♣ J 6****15
6 10
9****♠ A Q 5****♥ K 8 5****♦ Q 10 7 6****♣ A 9 7**

♠ 9 7
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 10 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K 10 5 2

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

NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2 NT.

Since NORTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A K 3



♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ J 8 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 4
♥ A K
♦ K 7 6
♣ Q J 10 5 2

5
18 16
1
♣ 9 8

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 13

Deal 15

Deal 14
West Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

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

4
21 14
1

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

The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is EAST who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when WEST indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2 NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 15West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7
 ♥ J 10 8 5 3
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ Q 4 3

20
 6 7
 7

♠ A 10 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ K J 7

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 9 4 2
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ A 10 8 2

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 8 6 3
 ♣ 9 6 5

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

3 NT by North

NORTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2 NT.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 16

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q
♣ A J 10 7 4

3
17 16
4

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

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 9 8 6



♠ A K 5
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ K Q

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ 6 2
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ 5 3 2

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

WEST has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when EAST opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so WEST

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 17East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 6 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A J 7

6
 9 6
 19

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ K J 9
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 10 4

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

SOUTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

NORTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 18East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 9 2
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ K Q J

6
 16 9
 9

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ J 7 5 3
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ A 9 8

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ K 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 4 3

<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 West			

After EAST passes initially, WEST opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, EAST has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

WEST has a small problem - EAST's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 19
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 10 8 2
 ♥ J 7 5 3
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A 9 6

17
 6 2
 15

♠ K Q 9 3
 ♥ K Q 10
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ Q 10 8

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 9 5 4 3
 ♣ 5 3

♠ A 7
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ K 10 6
 ♣ K J 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

NORTH has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

SOUTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that NORTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting NORTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - NORTH had 17 points so she bid 6 NT.

Deal 20
East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8	♠ 10 9 5 2		
♥ A K 5	♥ J 10 7 2		
♦ A 8	♦ 10 9 4 3		
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2	♣ A		
	♠ A 7 4		
	♥ Q 9 6		
16 5	♦ K Q 5 2		
4 15	♣ K J 8		
	♠ Q J 6 3		
	♥ 8 4 3		
	♦ J 7 6		
	♣ 7 5 4		
West	North	East	South
6 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
6 NT by East			

WEST definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

EAST's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6 NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.

Deal 21

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

3
9 7
21

♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

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

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution,
SOUTH opens 2 NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that
SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the
partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just
passes 2 NT.

Deal 22

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A 4 2

16
7
12
5

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 8 6
♦ J 9 7
♣ Q 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ K 5 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 7 5 3

♠ Q 10 9 8 7
♥ 10 7
♦ Q 10 8
♣ J 10 8

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

This is an easy one to bid.

WEST has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

EAST has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play.
You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Deal 23West Deals
None Vul

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

20
4 2
14

♠ A J 5
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A K 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 7 5 3

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ A 7 4 2
 ♣ Q J 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here SOUTH has 14 points. So when NORTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points SOUTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

9
8 17
6

♠ 10 2
♥ AJ 7 6 2
♦ J 9 5
♣ K 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ A 6 2

♠ J 9 8 4 3
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 8
♣ J 10 8

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

WEST cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when EAST opens 1 NT WEST knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.