

**Deal 1**

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

♠ 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 2**  
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

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

♠ 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 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**2**  
**10 8**  
**20**

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

2 NT by South

♠ 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.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
 6 9  
 16

West

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

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

But SOUTH 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 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
7 5  
20

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

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

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

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      3 NT      Pass      2 NT  
Pass  
3 NT by South

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

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH'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 SOUTH passes.