

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 2

<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			

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

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

SOUTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2

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

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



<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

1TM

s first.

Then, after SOUTH bids 1TM, NORTH has enough points to jump all the way to 4TM.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

	♠ A 9 6 3		
	♥ Q 6 4		
	♦ A 9 6 2		
	♣ J 7		
♠ J 5 2		♠ 7	
♥ K 9 8 5		♥ J 10 3 2	
♦ J 10		♦ 8 7 4 3	
♣ 8 5 4 3		♣ A K 9 2	
	♠ K Q 10 8 4		
¹¹ 5 8 ₁₆	♥ A 7		
	♦ K Q 5		
	♣ Q 10 6		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

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

to open 1 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has excellent \hat{a} TM 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} TM, which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 4

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

♠ Q 10 9 4 3	♠ J 5 2		
♥ K 3	♥ Q 8 7 5 2		
♦ 7 4 3	♦ 8 5		
♣ Q J 6	♣ K 9 4		
5 8 6 21	♠ A K 6 ♥ A J 9 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 8 5 2		
<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 a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 \hat{a}^{TM} bid.

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

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

good

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

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