

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 10 5
♣ J 6 3

21
3 7
9

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

6 NT by North

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2



♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

North

2 NT
6 NT

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 ♦
3 NT
Pass

The 2 NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

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

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There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2 NT.

When SOUTH shows

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

A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6 NT bid.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 5

7
 15 9
 9

West

2 NT

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 10 8 3

♥ 8 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ K Q 10 6 2



♠ 4

♥ 10 9 7

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ J 9 8 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2

♥ K 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 7 3

WEST is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

EAST shows an above average hand plus a high card in

♠TM

s.

WEST is no longer unsure, so she bids 4♠TM.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 10 4 3

15
9 10
6

♠ K J 3
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 7 2

♠ 10 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 2
♣ Q J 9 8 6

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

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2 NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3rd is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

10
18 6
6

West

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 6 2

♣ A 10 7

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♠ K 10 8 4 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ K 10 4

♣ 5 2

North

Pass

East

3 ♣

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has no way to tell whether EAST
can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and
bids 4

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

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If the opening lead is a \hat{a}^{TM} or a

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

then WEST

will probably make the game.
Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 8
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

14
7 11
8

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4



♠ Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9

North

1 ♥
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

Pass
3 ♥
Pass

Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If SOUTH opened with 2♥TM, NORTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J 10 8 3 2

♣ K 7

10
8 16
6

West

2 ♦

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ J 9 5

♥ K 9 6 5 3

♦ Q 9

♣ A 6 5

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ Q 8

♦ 6

♣ J 9 8 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass



♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 10

♦ K 7 5 4

♣ Q 10 4

East

2 NT

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

EAST responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When WEST shows a decent hand with a high $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ EAST should bid 3 NT.