

**Deal 1**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| South Deals | ♠ J 10 3    |
| None Vul    | ♥ A K 5 3   |
|             | ♦ A Q 7 3 2 |
|             | ♣ 4         |

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



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| 14   | ♠ K Q 9 8 6 2 |
| 7 11 | ♥ 8 6 4       |
| 8    | ♦ 9 4         |
|      | ♣ K 6         |

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

NORTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to SOUTH. He needs

more information about SOUTH's hand, so he bids 2 NT.

SOUTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3<sup>TM</sup>£ to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than â<sup>TM</sup>£s, so

he signs off in 3â<sup>TM</sup>

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A 9 8 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 3 2

8  
5 9  
18

N  
W E  
S

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

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

| <i>West</i>   | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|               | 2 ♦          | Pass        | 2 NT         |
| Pass          | 3 ♥          | Pass        | 3 NT         |
| Pass          | Pass         | Pass        |              |
| 3 NT by South |              |             |              |

the first five

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2 NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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A or

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| ♠ | 9 7 5       |
| ♥ | 7 6         |
| ♦ | A K Q 9 6 2 |
| ♣ | 8 3         |

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

|   |            |   |            |
|---|------------|---|------------|
| W | N          | E | S          |
| ♠ | J 2        | ♥ | J 10 4 3 2 |
| ♥ | 10 8       | ♦ | Q J 9 4    |
| ♦ | K Q 8      | ♣ |            |
| ♣ | A K 8      |   |            |
|   | ♦ J 4 3    |   |            |
|   | ♣ A 10 6 5 |   |            |

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 9  |   |
| 9  | 5 |
| 17 |   |

|               |       |      |       |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| West          | North | East | South |
|               | 2 ♦   | Pass | 2 NT  |
| Pass          | 3 NT  | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass          |       |      |       |
| 3 NT by South |       |      |       |

SOUTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good NORTH's hand is.

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

NORTH has the exact hand to say 3 NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**11**  
**12**   **10**  
    7

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



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

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3  
♥ 2  
♦ 7 5 4  
♣ J 5

| <i>West</i>  | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass         | 4 ♠          | Pass        | Pass         |
| Pass         |              |             | 3 ♠          |
| 4 ♠ by South |              |             |              |

NORTH assumes her partner can win six tricks. So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

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ruff also.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9  
 ♥ J 7 5  
 ♦ A 9 6  
 ♣ A Q J 4 2

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

**14**  
9 7  
**10**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

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

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3  
 ♦ 8 3  
 ♣ K 6 5

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
|              |       |      | 1 ♠   |
| Pass         | 2 ♣   | Pass | 2 ♠   |
| Pass         | 4 ♠   | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass         |       |      |       |
| 4 ♠ by South |       |      |       |

SOUTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH naturally bids 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£ and SOUTH rebids the  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> suit.

NORTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

**Deal 6**  
South Deals  
None Vul

|  |  |   |                                     |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ A 9 4<br/>♥ K 9 2<br/>♦ A 10 8 2<br/>♣ 10 3 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13<br/>11 9<br/>7</p> <p>West</p> | <p>♠ Q J 8 3<br/>♥ 10 6<br/>♦ K J 4<br/>♣ K Q J 4</p> <p>♠ 6 5<br/>♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3<br/>♦ 9 7 5<br/>♣ 5</p> <p>N<br/>W E<br/>S</p> <p>North</p> | <p>♠ K 10 7 2<br/>♥ 4<br/>♦ Q 6 3<br/>♣ A 9 8 7 6</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>East</p> | <p>3 ♥</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>South</p> |
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NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.