

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
9 6  
9

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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



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

*North*

1 NT

3 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

Pass

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 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6

5  
8 20  
7

*West*

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ 7 5 3

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ A 7 6

♣ 10 9 8

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W E  
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♠ A 8 4

♥ Q 8 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ 5 4 2

*North*

Pass

♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3

*East*

2 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

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.

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**Deal 3**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
4 5  
15

*West*

Pass  
4 NT by South

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



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

*North*

4 NT

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

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

1 NT

## ***Deal 4***

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 3 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ 9 8 4

♣ J 6

15  
6 10  
9

*West*

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 5

♦ Q 10 7 6

♣ A 9 7



♠ 10 8 4

♥ Q 7 6

♦ K J 3

♣ K 10 5 2

*North*

1 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

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.