

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ K J 8 5 4
♦ 6 5
♣ A 4 3

16
9 6
9

♠ A 10 8
♥ A 10 9
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ K 9 7

♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 6 5 2

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 10 8

N
W E
S

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

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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 2
 ♥ K 7 5
 ♦ 9 5 4
 ♣ K Q 6

5
 8 20
 7

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q J
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ A J 7 3

♠ A 8 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

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.

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6



16
4 5
15
♣ K 8 3

♠ A 10 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4

West *North* *East* *South*
Pass 4 NT Pass 1 NT
4 NT by South

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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****♠ A Q 5****♥ K 8 5****♦ Q 10 7 6****♣ A 9 7**

W	N
S	E

♠ 9 7
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 10 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K 10 5 2

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

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.