

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 3
♣ Q 4

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

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♠ 10 8
♥ A 7 5
♦ Q 5 4
♣ J 10 8 7 2

6
10 7
17

♠ J 6
♥ K Q 10 8 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH's 2

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raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.

SOUTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 6 4 2

♣ Q 10 2

12
7 6
15

♠ 10 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4



♠ A Q 4

♥ K 10 8

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A J 6

♠ K 8 6 5

♥ Q J 7 3 2

♦ —

♣ 9 7 5 3

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

3 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has an ideal 1 NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K Q J 9 6 3
♣ Q 4

14
11 9
6

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 6 4
♥ A 9 5
♦ 8 2
♣ A K 6 3



♠ K 10 7 3
♥ K 6
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 8 5 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1st opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

1st

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major 1st suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four 1sts, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening

bid she merely raises to 2nd.

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4 3

♥ 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 6 2

♣ A Q 3

6

9 9

16

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 7 5

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ K 9 4

♣ K 8 5 2



♠ Q J 6

♥ A K Q 7 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ 6 4

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

With 17 points SOUTH is not strong enough to insist on game after NORTH's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

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bid.

NORTH, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 6 5

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ A 3

9
8 6
17

♠ 10 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5



♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6

♠ Q

♥ A 8 5 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ 10 8 7 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

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.