

Deal 1	♠ A Q 10		
South Deals	♥ K Q J		
None Vul	♦ Q J 10 3		
	♣ A J 10		
♠ 9 8 7 6	♠ K 5 4 2		
♥ A 9 8 3	♥ 10 5 4 2		
♦ K 8 6 5	♦ A 4 2		
♣ 3	♣ 6 4		
	♠ J 3		
20 7 7 6	♥ 7 6		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2		
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			3 ♣
3 NT by North			

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ would go down 1.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ K Q J

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

West
 2 NT
 4 ♥
 4 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 8 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ A 10 8 7 5

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♠ J 4
 ♥ K J 10 9 6 3
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ 4 2

North East South
 Pass 2 ♥ Pass
 Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 Pass Pass Pass

When EAST opens with a Weak 2

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bid, WEST knows she will
 force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if EAST has
 anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more
 information.

EAST returns to

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s to show bare minimum so WEST settles
 for game.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ J 10 3		
	♥ A K 5 3		
	♦ A Q 7 3 2		
	♣ 4		
♠ 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	
	♠ K Q 9 8 6 2		
14	♥ 8 6 4		
7 11	♦ 9 4		
8	♣ K 6		
West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	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 3TM£ to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than âTM£s, so

he signs off in 3âTM

Deal 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 6 5

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♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ A 9 8 7
♦ 9 5
♣ J 3 2

♠ 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

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

taking the first five

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

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

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

WEST found out that EAST has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents

Deal 5

South Deals	♠ K Q 8
None Vul	♥ A K 8
	♦ J 4 3
	♣ A 10 6 5
♠ J 2	♠ A 10 6 4 3
♥ J 10 4 3 2	♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 8	♦ 7 5
♣ Q J 9 4	♣ K 7 2

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♠ 9 7 5
♥ 7 6
♦ A K Q 9 6 2
♣ 8 3

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

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

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

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

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