

Deal 1

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



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

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

♦

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

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

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

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

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

♦

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 10 9 7 2

22
5 6
7

♠ K 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

N
W E
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♠ Q J 10 7 2
♥ A 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

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

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♣.

NORTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does NOT rebid the ♠s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
4 ♥ by South			



SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

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SOUTH now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

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NORTH likes

♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

♥

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Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ K 10 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

26
 5 5
 4
 ♣ 9 5 3

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

♠ A J 8 7
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A K Q J

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

N
W E
S

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 6 4 2
None Vul	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 7 2
	♣ 8 6 5 3

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



1	♠ A 7 3
11 8	♥ A K Q 8 6 2
20	♦ 8 6
	♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

♥

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NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

7	♠ A K 6 3
5 3	♥ A K 8 2
25	♦ K Q J
	♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by North			



SOUTH has a nice 2♣ opening hand.

With 8 points, NORTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

♥

suit.

SOUTH likes

♥

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH bids 6

♥

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Deal 8

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 10 2
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ A K 2
♣ K

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 6
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 6 5



♠ A J 9 8 3

22
4 2
12

♦ 6

♣ A 8 7 4

West North East South

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠

Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♠ Pass 7 ♠

ALL Pass

7 ♠ by South

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Deal 9

Deal 9
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

22
 4 7

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	S	

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ A K J 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ 8 6

♠ 5 4
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ 9 5 4
 ♣ A J 10 9 7

♠ A J 10 7 2
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ Q 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has a minimum 2♣ opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♦.

NORTH shows the ♠ support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4♦ which NORTH passes.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

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

8	♠ A Q 9
4 6	♥ A K 2
22	♦ A 8 3

N
W
E
S

♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ K Q 10 8

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

SOUTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2♣, expecting to rebid 2 NT.

But NORTH responds a positive 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

SOUTH bids what his hand is worth, 3 NT and NORTH passes.

Deal 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8 6 4
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ Q 9 8 4
 ♣ Q J 10 7

5
 8 4
 23

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W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 7 2
 ♥ Q 10 7 5
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ 8 5 4

♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ K J 10 5 3
 ♣ 6 2

♠ A K 9
 ♥ A J 8 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A K 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4 ♥ by South		

SOUTH opens 2♣ and NORTH responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2 NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3♣ Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2 NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

♥

suit and NORTH bids 4

♥

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Deal 12
 South Deals
 None Vul

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



♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 9 8 6

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A Q 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 NT by North

NORTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2 NT to SOUTH's 2♣ opening bid.

SOUTH bids 3 NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6 NT.

Deal 13

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

4	♠ A K Q 8 6
7 9	♥ A K 10 8 2
20	♦ A
	♣ 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

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SOUTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♠.

NORTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2 NT.

SOUTH now shows her second suit, 3

♥

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NORTH is happy to bid the game in

♥

s.

Deal 14North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 4
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ A 8 7 6 5

23
4 2
11

♠ A Q 2
 ♥ A K Q 5
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ K Q 10



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

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ A Q J 8 6
 ♣ J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
6 NT by North			

NORTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2♣ and expects to rebid 2 NT.

SOUTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

♦

s she must jump to the 3-level.

NORTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3 NT.

SOUTH bids 6 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q J 5
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ 10 7 3
 ♣ 10 8 5 2

8
 3 4
 25

♠ A 10 9 7 2
 ♥ 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ A 3

♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ A 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

N
 W E
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♠ K 6
 ♥ A K Q J 2
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by South			

pass

pass

NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

SOUTH bids her

♥

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

♥

bid.

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two Aces she bids

6 NT. She could also have bid 6

♥

but 6 NT scores a little more.

Deal 16

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ 10 9 8 5



♠ A K Q 10 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

♦

to NORTH's opening 2♣ bid.

NORTH bids his 5-card ♠ suit.

SOUTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports NORTH's ♠.

NORTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4♠.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

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



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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
6 NT by South			

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2 NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6 NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7 NT. But he doesn't.

Deal 18

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



6
 7 3
24

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	ALL	Pass

6 ♥ by North

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Deal 20

Deal 19South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 10 6

♦ 10 5 4

♣ A 10 9 8 7

♠ A J 10 5

♥ 8 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3



♠ 9 3

♥ J 9 7 4 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ J 4 2

♠ K Q 8 7

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A K J 6

♣ 6

 $\begin{matrix} 12 \\ 4 \quad 2 \\ 22 \end{matrix}$

West North East South

2 ♣

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 6 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

After SOUTH's 2♣ opening, NORTH bids 2 NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. NORTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is Stayman, asking NORTH for a 4-card Major. NORTH mentions his ♠s and

SOUTH bids 4♣, showing a minimum 2♣ opener with 4 ♠s.

Now NORTH adds his 12 points to SOUTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6♣.

Deal 20

South Deals	♠ 2
None Vul	♥ Q J 5 2
	♦ 9 8 7 2
	♣ 10 7 6 3
♠ J 8 5	♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 4
♦ A Q J 3	♦ K 5 4
♣ Q 4 2	♣ K J 9 8 5
10 3 20 7	♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ A K 10 9 6 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

♦

to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid,

then bids 3♣ as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2♠.

However, when SOUTH then bids

♥

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

♥

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Deal 21
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 3
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ 10 6

8
4 6
22

♠ K J 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 7 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ J 6 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 8
♣ K Q J

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W E
S

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

SOUTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But NORTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so SOUTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since SOUTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

Deal 22

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

6	♠ A Q J 2
5 6	♥ A K 5
23	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ A 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	ALL	Pass
4 ♣ by South			

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Deal 25

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ K 4

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ 9 3
♣ J 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 10 3
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 8 7

22
4 3
11
♠ K 7 2
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 NT	ALL	Pass

7 NT by South

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Deal 27

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

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

22
6 5
7



♠ A J 10 4	♦ 10 8 4
♦ 10 4	♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ 9 7 3
♦ 6 2
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♦ by South			

When NORTH opens 2♣ SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is



s, she must jump to 3



NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6

