

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

13
9 10
8

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5

N
W E
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♠ A Q 8 7 4
♥ 9 7 3
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ 4

♠ 10 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2

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

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level.
So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

West Pass
Pass
2 ♠ by South

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4



♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North 2 ♠
East Pass
South 1 ♠

SOUTH has a normal 1â™ opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2â™,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

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first because she knows there is a â™ fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 6 ♥ J 10 8 4 3 ♦ — ♣ 7 6 4 3	♠ K J 4 ♥ K Q 9 2 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ K 10 8
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♠ 10 5 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2 ♣ A 9 2
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18 3 4 15	♠ A 8 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 9 6 4 ♣ Q J 5
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass 6 NT by South	<i>North</i> 6 NT	<i>East</i> Pass	<i>South</i> 1 NT Pass
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With balanced distribution and 16 points SOUTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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NORTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that SOUTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ J 8 5 4 3
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ J 4 2

20
 6 7
 7



♠ Q J 10 9 6
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ A K 7

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

♠ K 4
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ 8 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 5

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

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 \hat{a} TM£.

SOUTH does not have 3-card \hat{a} TM support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.