

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9  
 ♥ Q T 9 5  
 ♦ 8 5 2  
 ♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4  
 ♥ 8 6 3  
 ♦ A K Q 9 7 4  
 ♣ 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3NT

6 NT by North

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

. There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When SOUTH shows

A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6NT bid.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ T 9 7 6  
♦ A Q T 7  
♣ K J T 2

♠ K J 6

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

	N		E
W			S

♠ T 8 3  
♥ 8 5  
♦ K J 3  
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

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

West	North	East	South
			2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2



♠ K J 3  
♥ A Q J 4 2  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ A 5

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SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

NORTH's hand.

NORTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

3 ♠ by North

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 6 4 2

♣ A 2

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3



♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
	3♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

If the opening lead is a ♠ or a

then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 5

♥ T 4

♦ 9 3

♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ K 3

♥ A J 9 6 3

♦ A Q 7

♣ 8 6 4



♠ 9

♥ 8 5

♦ K J T 8 6 4

♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If SOUTH opened with 2 NORTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

**Board 6**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 7 5 4  
 ♥ Q 9 8  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ K 7



♠ K J 8  
 ♥ K 6 5 3  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 3  
 ♥ A J T  
 ♦ K 7 5 4  
 ♣ Q T 4

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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SOUTH responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high  
 SOUTH should bid 3NT.