

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A 7 6

17
5 9
9

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8



♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

North

1 NT

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

With 9 points SOUTH is unable to decide the final contract. If NORTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If NORTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So SOUTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells NORTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal NORTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ 8 7 4

6
 9 15
 10

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ K 9 5 3
 ♣ 6 3 2

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ 8 7 3
 ♥ J 10 6 4
 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ A Q J

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

This time EAST has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

WEST has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

EAST, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

2
 10 8
 20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q

South

2 NT

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8
 ♥ A 10 9
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ K 9 7

6
 16 9
 9

West

♠ Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ A 7 3 2

♣ 6 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ J 9 5

♥ K J 8 5 4

♦ 6 5

♣ A 4 3

North

♠ K 7 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 10 8

*East**South*

Pass

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by West

WEST has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

EAST has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking WEST to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But WEST has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

20
 5 7
 8

West

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3



♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

NORTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

SOUTH has 8 points. She adds NORTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and NORTH passes.