

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

14
 5 7
 14

♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ K J 9



♠ A J 10 8 2
 ♥ A K 8 2
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3
 ♥ J 9 6 4
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ A 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2 NT. South happily says 3 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

7
13 14
6

West

2 ♦

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3



♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

East

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that West might also have 4 ♥s.

West doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

East understands that West's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since East does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3 NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3

♥ J 10 8 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 4 3

10
8 10
12

♠ 10 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

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♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ 10 7

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 5

♦ K J 9 6

♣ K J 9 6 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

North passes and South opens 1 ♠.

North now bids 2 ♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2 ♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2 ♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

11
13 9
7

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠ by West

♠ A 8

♥ Q 5

♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

West opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ East must respond 1 NT.

In standard bidding West would happily pass a 1 NT response. But in 2/1 the 1 NT response is forcing for 1 round. West is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2 ♣.

East prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that West has bid a 3-card suit. So East gives a preference to 2 ♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

West happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1 NT.