

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

20
4 4
12

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2



♠ Q 10 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT

NORTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ 8 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 6

9
 8 8
 15

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



♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ K Q J 3

♠ K 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 7 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A 5 4

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

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

9
 8 5
 18

♠ J 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 7 4 2



♠ Q 10 8 2
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A K Q 5

♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1st ♣.

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1st ♠.

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3rd ♠ and NORTH bids the game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

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

7
 6 6
 21

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ K 10 6 5
 ♣ 9 8 5



♠ K Q J
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q J 9 3
 ♣ A K 2

♠ 7 6
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ J 10 7 4 3

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

SOUTH has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.