

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4

♥ Q J 9 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ 6 2

$$\begin{matrix} & 23 \\ 8 & 8 \\ & 1 \end{matrix}$$

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2TM£.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A 9 8 6 3

5
 8 5
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 6
 ♣ 5 4 2



♠ A 8 2
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q 10

North

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2[♠]£.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

2[♠]!

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 9 7 2

22
 5 6
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8
 ♣ A K 4



♠ Q J 10 7 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ 6 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 NT

NORTH opens 2[♠] with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card [♠] suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2[♠].

NORTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does NOT rebid the [♠]s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ Q J 4

♣ K 3 2

4
8 6
22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4

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♠ K Q 2

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ A 10

North

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

2♦

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SOUTH now shows a

2♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

2♥

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NORTH likes

2♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

2♥

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ K 10 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

26
 5 5
 4

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J



♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2[♠].

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

2[♦]

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.