

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4 2

♥ Q T 8 4

♦ T 8

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q J T

♥ A J 7

♦ A K 6 2

♣ K Q J

N
W
E
S

♠ 9 7 6 5

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ A T 3

♠ K 8 3

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

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With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, NORTH opens 2NT.

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that NORTH cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2NT.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 5 3  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ K 7 5 3

♠ 8 7 6

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ Q T 7

♣ Q J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 9  
♥ Q J T  
♦ J 9 8  
♣ T 9 8

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

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This is an easy one to bid.

EAST has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1NT.

WEST has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

**Board 3**East Deals  
E-W Vul

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

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 5

♦ A 7 4 2

♣ Q J 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 8 3  
 ♥ A 2  
 ♦ 9 8 6 3  
 ♣ T 5 3

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

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

6NT by North

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Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6NT.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 6  
♥ K 9 3  
♦ K 7 4 3  
♣ A 6 2

♠ J T 9 2

♥ A J 7 5 2

♦ T 8

♣ K 9



♠ Q 7 5  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ Q 6 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 8 4 3

♥ T 6

♦ A J 9 5

♣ J T 8 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

1 NT by West

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EAST cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when WEST opens 1NT EAST knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.