

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5



♠ T

♥ T 9 8 7 6

♦ A K J T 5

♣ Q 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2 ♠

3 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ A 2

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

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♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

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SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

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If the opening lead is a or a

then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K J T 8 6 4
 ♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 9



♠ A 8 6 5

♥ T 4

♦ 9 3

♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ K 3

♥ A J 9 6 3

♦ A Q 7

♣ 8 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their

Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside
4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2 SOUTH might well pass
and a

game

would be missed.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ K 7



♠ K J 8

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ 9 6

♣ J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 3

♥ A J T

♦ K 7 5 4

♣ Q T 4

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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SOUTH responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high
SOUTH should bid 3NT.