

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ 4

8  
10 9  
13

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ 10 9 5

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ K J 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K Q 8 2

♦ K 6

♣ 10 9 5

North

1 NT

East

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

SOUTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4

11  
6 13  
10

West

2 ♠

2 ♠ by East

♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 5 4

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 9 8 3

North

Pass

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

EAST has a normal 1<sup>st</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

WEST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2<sup>nd</sup>,

passed by EAST.

WEST does not consider showing the

1<sup>st</sup>

s,

first because she knows there is a 1<sup>st</sup> fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J 4  
♥ K Q 9 2  
♦ A Q 5  
♣ K 10 8

♠ Q 9 7 6  
♥ J 10 8 4 3  
♦ —  
♣ 7 6 4 3



♠ 10 5 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 10 8 7 3 2  
♣ A 9 2

18  
3 4  
15

♠ A 8 3  
♥ A 7  
♦ K J 9 6 4  
♣ Q J 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	6 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
6 NT by South			

With balanced distribution and 16 points  
SOUTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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NORTH's response is based on simple  
math. He adds his 18 points to the 15  
minimum that SOUTH has announced  
and

comes up with 33 points combined. This  
is enough for a small slam, and since he  
has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

**Deal 4**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ 8 5 3 2  
♣ Q 9 8 5

6  
7 20  
7

*West*

1 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ 8 3  
♥ J 8 5 4 3  
♦ K J 9  
♣ J 4 2



♠ A 7 5 2  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ 10 6 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♠

3 NT

*South*

Pass

Pass

EAST is right at the maximum for a 1<sup>st</sup> opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WEST does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

EAST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.