

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ 8 7 2
None Vul	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 6 4 2
	♣ 9 5 3
♠ J 10 5 3	♠ Q 6 4
♥ 10 6	♥ Q J 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 7	♦ K 9 5
♣ K Q 10 8	♣ 6 2



	♠ A K 9		
	♥ A K 2		
1 8 8 23	♦ A 8 3		
	♣ A J 7 4		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 NT
2 NT by South			

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2<sup>TM</sup>£.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH 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

â<sup>TM</sup>!

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SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

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

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ K 7 3
None Vul	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ 10 9 8 6
	♣ 5 4 2
♠ 10 6 4	♠ Q J 9 5
♥ 6 4	♥ J 10 9 3
♦ A 5 3	♦ 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6 3	♣ J 7

♠ A 8 2  
 ♥ A K 7 5  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ K Q 10

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

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

. 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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ J 6 3

♣ J 8

6 7  
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♠ Q J 10 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3


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

 ♠ K 3  
 ♥ K Q J 2  
 ♦ A Q 9 8  
 ♣ A K 4

*West      North      East      South*

 Pass      2 ♠      Pass      2 ♣  
 Pass      3 NT      Pass      2 NT

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH opens 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

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

NORTH does NOT rebid the  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>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	♦ 10 9 8 2
♥ J 4 3	♦ 9 8 6
♦ Q J 4	♣ 8 7 6 4
♣ K 3 2	

4	8 6	22
♠	♦	♦
K Q 2	A K Q 7 5	A 7 2
♣ A 10		

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
4 ♥ by South			

N	W E	S
♠ 10 9 7 5	♥ 6	♦ K 10 5 3
♣ Q J 9 5		

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ .

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

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SOUTH now shows a

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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NORTH likes

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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

bids 4

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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