

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

16
9 8
7

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ K 8 4



♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

North

1 NT

East

Pass

South

Pass

NORTH has a perfect 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 (7 + 17).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

7
12 16
5

West

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7



♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

North

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

*East**South*

1 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by East

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, WEST knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST also has a balanced hand she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ K J 9 8 2

14
 5 5
 16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A J 3
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ Q J 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 7



♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ A 6 5

North

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1 NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3 NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ A 9 3 2

8
 17 7
 8

West

1 NT

1 NT by West

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

N
 W E
 S

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

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

Pass

When WEST opens 1 NT, EAST knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J 10



♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 10 9 5 2
♣ A 6 4

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

5
9 17
9

West

♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A 7 6



♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

North

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

*East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by East

With 9 points WEST is unable to decide the final contract. If EAST has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If EAST opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So WEST makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells EAST that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal EAST has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.