

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ K J 10 8
♣ A 9 5 2

8
11 7
14

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♠ by North

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K 6	N W E S	♠ A 7 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ Q J 10 8 7 3
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♠ J 10 3
♥ A K 5 3
♦ A Q 7 3 2
♣ 4

SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2 NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3â™£ to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than â™£s, so

he signs off in 3â™

Deal 2

West Deals	♠ K Q J 9
None Vul	♥ J 10 6
	♦ 6 3
	♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ 7 3	♠ A 6 4
♥ K 5 3	♥ Q 4 2
♦ K Q 10 8 7 2	♦ A J 4
♣ 9 4	♣ A K 6 5

W	N
S	E

9	10 8 5 2
8 18	A 9 8 7
5	♦ 9 5
	♣ J 3 2

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

the first five

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

With four fast winners EAST should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2 NT to find out more about WEST's hand.

EAST found out that WEST has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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A or

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠	9 7 5
♥	7 6
♦	A K Q 9 6 2
♣	8 3

♠	A 10 6 4 3
♥	Q 9 5
♦	7 5
♣	K 7 2

W	N	E	S
♠	J 2	♥	J 10 4 3 2
♥	A K 8	♦	10 8
♦	J 4 3	♣	Q J 9 4

♠	K Q 8
♥	A K 8
♦	J 4 3
♣	A 10 6 5

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

SOUTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good NORTH's hand is.

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

NORTH has the exact hand to say 3 NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ Q 10
♦ A K J 9 6
♣ Q 8 7 4 3

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ J 5



EAST assumes her partner can win six tricks. So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

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ruff also.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 7 4
♣ 10 9 7 3

10
7 9
14

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 8 7 6 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 3
♣ K 6 5

♠ J 10 4
♥ A Q 10 9 2
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ 8

♠ Q 9
♥ J 7 5
♦ A 9 6
♣ A Q J 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

NORTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH naturally bids 2 \hat{a} TM£ and NORTH rebids the \hat{a} TM suit.

SOUTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4 \hat{a} TM

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ K Q J 4

9
 13 7
 11

West

Pass
 3 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ 4

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 9 8 7 6



♠ 6 5
 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ 5

♠ A 9 4
 ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ 10 3 2

North
 3 ♥

East
 Pass

WEST may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that EAST is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, WEST has the perfect hand with which to pass.