

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 8 7 3
 ♣ 7 2

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

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

♠ K J 3
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 5

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

3 ♠ by North

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

NORTH's hand.

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

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ K 10 8 4 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ 5 2



♠ A 6 3
♥ A K Q J 7 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 4

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ A 10 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♣ Pass	Pass	4 ♥ Pass	Pass

4 ♥ by East

EAST has no way to tell whether WEST 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 â™ or a

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then EAST

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

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

♠ A 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ J 10 8 6

♣ A Q 3 2

8
11 7
14♠ K 3
♥ AJ 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

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 2â™, SOUTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A J 10
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 10 4

6
 16 8
 10

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ Q 8
 ♦ 6

♣ J 9 8 3 2

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♠ 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ A J 10 8 3 2
 ♣ K 7

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K 9 6 5 3
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ A 6 5

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

WEST responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When EAST shows a decent hand with a high ♠ WEST should bid 3 NT.