

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J 9
♦ K T 8 5
♣ A T 8 7 5 3

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 7 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 9 2

♠ J T 3
♥ A K 5 3
♦ A Q 7 3 2
♣ 4

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

3 ♠ by South

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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 2NT.

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

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

s rather than s,o
he signs off in 3

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K Q T 8 7 2

♣ 9 4

♠ Q J

♥ A J T 8 6

♦ 6 5 3

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ A K 6 5

♠ K T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 7

♦ 9

♣ Q J 7 2

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

3NT by East

tricks

she bids 3NT.

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

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

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

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 4 3
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ T 7
♣ K J 4

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 2
♥ T 9 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ K Q 8
♥ A K 8
♦ J 4 3
♣ A T 6 5

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

3NT by North

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

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

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

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

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 7 5 4
 ♣ J 5

♠ A 6

♥ K J 6

♦ A J 9 6 2

♣ 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 2
 ♥ A 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A K 9 2

♠ 4
 ♥ Q T 9 5
 ♦ K Q T 8
 ♣ Q T 8 4

West North East South
 3♠ Pass 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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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

ruff also.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 3
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ T 9 3

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4
 ♥ A K Q 4 2
 ♦ J T 7 4
 ♣ 8 7

♠ Q 9
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ A Q J 4 2

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

4 ♠ by South

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

SOUTH naturally bids 2 and NORTH rebids the suit.

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

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ T 6
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ K Q J 4

♠ K 9 7 4 2

♥ K

♦ A 8 2

♣ 7 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5
 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ 5

♠ A T
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ Q T 6 3
 ♣ A T 9 8

West North East South
 3♥ 3♥ All Pass

3♥ by East

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 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.