

**Deal 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 5 4 2  
♥ 10 5 4 2  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ 6 4

6  
7 7  
**20**

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

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♠ A Q 10  
♥ K Q J  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♣ A J 10

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
Pass      3 ♣      Pass      3 NT  
3 NT by South

NORTH doesn't have much of a 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  opening bid.

But SOUTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  would go down 1.

**Deal 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

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 5 7  
 5

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

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

| <i>West</i>  | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass         | 2 NT         | Pass        | 2 ♥          |
| Pass         | 4 ♥          | Pass        | 3 ♥          |
| Pass         |              |             | Pass         |
| 4 ♥ by South |              |             |              |

When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

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bid, NORTH knows she will force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

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s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

|                |               |            |       |
|----------------|---------------|------------|-------|
|                | ♠ J 10 3      |            |       |
|                | ♥ A K 5 3     |            |       |
|                | ♦ A Q 7 3 2   |            |       |
|                | ♣ 4           |            |       |
| ♠ A 7 4        |               | ♠ 5        |       |
| ♥ 10 2         |               | ♥ Q J 9 7  |       |
| ♦ 6 5          |               | ♦ K J 10 8 |       |
| ♣ Q J 10 8 7 3 |               | ♣ A 9 5 2  |       |
|                | ♠ K Q 9 8 6 2 |            |       |
| 14             | ♥ 8 6 4       |            |       |
| 7 11           | ♦ 9 4         |            |       |
| 8              | ♣ K 6         |            |       |
| West           | North         | East       | South |
|                |               |            | 2 ♠   |
| Pass           | 2 NT          | Pass       | 3 ♣   |
| Pass           | 3 ♠           | Pass       | Pass  |
| Pass           |               |            |       |
| 3 ♠ by South   |               |            |       |

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

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

SOUTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3<sup>TM</sup>£ to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than â<sup>TM</sup>£s, so

he signs off in 3â<sup>TM</sup>

**Deal 4**North Deals  
None Vul

♦ 9 4

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ A 9 8 7

♦ 9 5

♣ J 3 2

8  
5 9  
18

♠ K Q J 9

♥ J 10 6

♦ 6 3

♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ A 6 4  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ A J 4  
♣ A K 6 5

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|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>West</i>   | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|               | 2 ♦          | Pass        | 2 NT         |
| Pass          | 3 ♥          | Pass        | 3 NT         |
| Pass          | Pass         | Pass        |              |
| 3 NT by South |              |             |              |

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

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

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

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| ♠ | 9 7 5       |
| ♥ | 7 6         |
| ♦ | A K Q 9 6 2 |
| ♣ | 8 3         |

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

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

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|----|---|
| 9  |   |
| 9  | 5 |
| 17 |   |

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|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| 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.