

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 5 3
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 4 2

17
 6 8
 9

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6

W N E
 S

♠ 10 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5

♠ K J 7 6 5

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ A 3

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

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 4

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K 9 3

5
14 14
7

West

1 ♥

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 7 2

♥ 10 8 6 3

♦ K J 10 3

♣ J 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 9 5 3

♥ Q J 9

♦ Q 9 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ A 8 2

East

1 ♦

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

With two 4-card Majors WEST should respond "up-the-line", bidding

1TM

s first.

Then, after EAST bids 1TM, WEST has enough points to jump all the way to 4TM.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ K 9 8 5
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 8 5 4 3

11
 5 8
 16

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ A 9 6 2
 ♣ J 7



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

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠] .

NORTH has excellent [♠] support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3[♠] , which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2

8
21 5
6

West
2 NT
Pass
3 NT by West

♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♥ K 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ Q J 6



♠ J 5 2
♥ Q 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 9 4

North
Pass
Pass

East
3 NT

South
Pass

WEST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2nd bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

EAST adds her 6 points to WEST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

2nd

suit to be useful to EAST in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.