

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

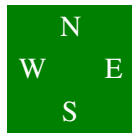
♠ J T 3
♥ T 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ T 9 3

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5



♠ 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 2

East Deals

N-S 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

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♠ A T

♥ 9 4 2

♦ Q T 6 3

♣ A T 9 8

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

West

North

East

South

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.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5



♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ J 4 2

♦ T

♣ Q 7 3

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2

♥ K 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 7 3

♠ 4

♥ T 9 7 6

♦ A Q T 7

♣ K J T 2

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♠ K J 6

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

♠ T 8 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K J 3

♣ Q 9 8 6 4

West

2 ♠

3 ♥

North

Pass

Pass

East

2NT

4 ♠

South

Pass

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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EAST is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

WEST shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

EAST is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .