

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 9 8 6

16
3 4
17

West

Pass
6 NT by North

♠ A K 5
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ K Q



♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q
♣ A J 10 7 4

North

1 NT
Pass

East

Pass
Pass

South

6 NT

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
♥ K J 9 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A J 7

6
9 6
19

West

Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5



♠ K J 9
♥ A Q
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K 10 4

North

3 NT

♠ A Q 5 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 6 3 2

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 NT
Pass

SOUTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

NORTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ K 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 4 3

16
 9 6
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K J 9 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ Q 10 8

♣ K Q J

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 10 3

♥ K 10 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ 10 7 5 2

North

1 NT

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ J 7 5 3
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ A 9 8

After SOUTH passes initially, NORTH opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, SOUTH has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

NORTH has a small problem - SOUTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 9 5 4 3
 ♣ 5 3

15
 2 6
 17

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ A 7

♥ A 8 4

♦ K 10 6

♣ K J 7 4 2

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♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7

♣ Q 10 8

North

4 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

6 NT

SOUTH has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

NORTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that SOUTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - SOUTH had 17 points so she bid 6 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ A

15
5 4
16

West

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8



♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

6 NT

SOUTH definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

NORTH's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6 NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.