

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ Q 10 7
 ♣ K Q 10 8

1
 8 8
 23

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4

North

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2TM£.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

2TM£

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SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A 9 8 6 3

5
 8 5
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 6
 ♣ 5 4 2



♠ A 8 2
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q 10

North

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2[♠]£.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

2[♠]!

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4
 ♥ 9 8 7 3
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ J 8

7
 6 5
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 10 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 3

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ A K 4

North

2 ♠

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH opens 2[♠] with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card [♠] suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2[♠].

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the [♠]s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ Q J 4

♣ K 3 2

4
8 6
22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 2

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ A 10

North

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

2♦

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SOUTH now shows a

2♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

2♥

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NORTH likes

2♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

2♥

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Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 5 3

♥ J 10 8 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ 10 6

4
5 5
26

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J

♠ 9 4

♥ Q 6 4

♦ K 10 7 3

♣ 8 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact.
She opens 2[♠]£.

In the old days this hand would have
been opened 3 NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

2[♠]!

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SOUTH now shows her full strength by
jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points,
balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he
passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

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

1
11 8
20

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
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			2 ♣
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Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
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Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
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Pass	Pass	Pass	
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3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♥.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

2♣

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

2♥

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NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♥.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

3♣

, and NORTH passes.