

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 6 5 2

9
6 9
16

West

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 10 8



♠ A 10 8
♥ A 10 9
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ K 9 7

North

♠ J 9 5
♥ K J 8 5 4
♦ 6 5
♣ A 4 3

*East**South*

Pass

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

NORTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking SOUTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But SOUTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

8
7 5
20

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6



♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 7 5 3
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ A 7 6
♣ 10 9 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6

16
4 5
15

West

Pass
4 NT by South

♠ A 10 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2



♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

North

4 NT

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 NT

Deal 4

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
 ♥ A 10 4 2
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 4 3

9
 10 6
 15

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



♠ A Q 5
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ Q 10 7 6
 ♣ A 9 7

♠ K J 6 3 2
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ J 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 NT by South			

SOUTH has a minimum 1 NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2 NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.