

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4

♥ K J 9 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A J 7

6
9 6
19

♠ 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 5

♦ A 7 3

♣ Q 9 8 5



♠ A Q 5 2

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 10 4 2

♣ 6 3 2

♠ K J 9

♥ A Q

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K 10 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 4
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ A 9 8

9
6 9
16

♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 7 5 2



♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q J

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 6 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

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

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH'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 3

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



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

North

4 NT

Pass

♠ J 10 8 2
 ♥ J 7 5 3
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A 9 6

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6 3

♥ 8 4 3

♦ J 7 6

♣ 7 5 4

16

4 5

15

♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ A

West

North

East

South

Pass

6 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

NORTH 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

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

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