

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

N
W
E
S

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ T 4 2
♣ 7 5

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit.

With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

SOUTH now knows that will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4 .

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ 8 7

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A

♥ J 9 8

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ Q J T 5 2

♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ T 8 3
♦ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ A 7

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 5

♦ A Q J

♣ K J 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ Q T 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K T 9 3
♣ Q T 5

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	4NT

All Pass

4NT by South

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NORTH has a perfect 2NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ T 8 5
♦ Q J T 9 6
♣ 9 4

♠ J T 4

♥ A J 6

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 8 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 3 2
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 4 2
♣ A 6 5

♠ 9 6 5
♥ K Q 2
♦ A 8 7
♣ K Q J 3

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2NT by North

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SOUTH opens 1NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Board 5

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 3
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ Q T 3 2
♣ J T 6

♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 4
♥ J T 7 3
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 8 3

♠ Q T 8 2
♥ A K
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A K Q 5

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1NT, so opens 1 .

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1 .

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3 and NORTH bids the game.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 9 6 5 4 3
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ Q 4 3

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ K T 6 5

♣ 9 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 8 6 2
 ♥ J T
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q J
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q J 9 3
 ♣ A K 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT

Pass 3NT All Pass

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 24
 SOUTH has a classic 2NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3NT.