

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ 9 6 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A J T 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ T 5



♠ 6 3

♥ J T 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 7 6 3 2

♠ 7 4

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ K J 9

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by North

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North opens 1 ♠. South responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

North's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit.

Remember that South might also have 4 ♥s.

South doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s.

She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2NT. North happily says 3NT.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6
 ♥ 7 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A Q J 6 2

♠ 7 4
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ T 9 7



♠ A J T 8 2
 ♥ A T 8 2
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ K 5

♠ K Q 5 3
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ T 6 5 4
 ♣ 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

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South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

South understands that North's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since South does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6 5 3
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 9 2

♠ T 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5



♠ -

♥ J T 9 8

♦ J T 9 6

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ T 7

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North passes and South opens 1 ♠.

North now bids 2 ♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2 ♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2 ♠.

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 8
♥ Q 5 2
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ 9 4 2

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3



♠ J 5 3

♥ K J T

♦ K T 5

♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

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South opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ North must respond 1NT.

In standard bidding South would happily pass a 1NT response. But in 2/1 the 1NT response is forcing for 1 round. South is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2 ♣.

North prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that South has bid a 3-card suit. So North gives a preference to 2 ♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

South happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1NT.