

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
5 7
14

	N		E	
W				S

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by North

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

Deal 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 4 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ A K J 7 3 ♣ 10 9 7	♠ Q 9 5 3 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 4 3
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♠ A J 10 8 2 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K 5
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7 13 14 6	♠ K 6 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 8 5 4 ♣ Q J 8 6 2
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

East opens **1♠**. West responds **2♦**, a 2/1 force to game.

East's priority is to now show the 4-card **♥** suit. Remember that West might also have 4 **♥**s.

West 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.

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

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3
 ♥ J 10 8 7 4
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A 4 3

10
 8 10
 12

	N		
W		E	
	S		

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

♠ A K 9 7 4
 ♥ K Q 6 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 10 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♣ by South			

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♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 2**♥ A 7 4****♦ 8 4****♣ A 8 5****♠ A 8****♥ Q 5****♦ K J 9 5****♣ J 10 9 7 2**

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

11
13 9
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♣ 6 4

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

West opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ East must respond 1 NT.

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

East prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that West has bid a 3-card suit. So East 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.

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

Deal 5

North Deals ♠ 7 4
N-S Vul ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ K J 9

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
5 **7**
14

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

7

13 14

6

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
Both Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

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8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 8 ♠ A 8

West Deals ♥ Q 5

None Vul ♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

11
13 **9**
7

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 7 4
E-W Vul ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ K J 9

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
5 **7**
14

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 10
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

7
13 **14**
6

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A 10 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

♠ K 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 6 2

N
W E
S

Deal 11 ♠ 10 8 2

South Deals ♥ A 2

None Vul ♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3

♥ J 10 8 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 4 3



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8 10

12

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 12 ♠ A 8

West Deals ♥ Q 5

N-S Vul ♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

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13 9
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Deal 13

North Deals ♠ 7 4
Both Vul ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ K J 9

♠ K 6 ♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 10 5 ♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 5 4 ♦ 9 6
♣ Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ A 4 3

 14 ♠ A J 10 8 2
 5 ♥ A K 8 2
 7 ♦ Q 2
 14 ♣ 10 5



Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

W N E S

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

13 7
6 14

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

Deal 15

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
N-S Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

10
8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 16

West Deals ♠ A 8
E-W Vul ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2 ♠ 7 4
♥ A 7 4 ♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 8 4 ♦ A 7 6 2
♣ A 8 5 ♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

11
13 9
7

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ 7 4
None Vul	♥ Q 7 3
	♦ A K J 7 3
	♣ K J 9
♠ K 6	♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 10 5	♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 5 4	♦ 9 6
♣ Q 8 7 6 2	♣ A 4 3
14 5 7 14	♠ A J 10 8 2 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 10 5



Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7



♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

7

13 14

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Deal 19

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
E-W Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

10
8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 20 ♠ A 8

West Deals ♥ Q 5

Both Vul ♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

11
13 9
7

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ 7 4
N-S Vul	♥ Q 7 3
	♦ A K J 7 3
	♣ K J 9
♠ K 6	♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 10 5	♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 5 4	♦ 9 6
♣ Q 8 7 6 2	♣ A 4 3
14 5 7 14	♠ A J 10 8 2 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 10 5



Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7



♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

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13 14

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Deal 23

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
Both Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

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8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 24

West Deals ♠ A 8
None Vul ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

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13 9
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W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ 7 4
E-W Vul ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ K J 9

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
5 **7**
14

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

W N E
S

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

7

13 14

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♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3

♥ J 10 8 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 4 3



♠ Q 5

♥ 9 5

♦ K J 9 6

♣ K J 9 6 2

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8 10
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♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ 10 7

Deal 28

West Deals ♠ A 8
N-S Vul ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

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13 9
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W E
S
♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

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5 7
14
♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

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13 14
6

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2



Deal 31

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
N-S Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

10
8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 32

West Deals ♠ A 8
E-W Vul ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2 ♠ 7 4
♥ A 7 4 ♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 8 4 ♦ A 7 6 2
♣ A 8 5 ♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

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13 9
7

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 ♠ 7 4
♥ 10 5 ♥ Q 7 3
♦ 10 8 5 4 ♦ A K J 7 3
♣ Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ K J 9

♠ K 6 ♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 10 5 ♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 5 4 ♦ 9 6
♣ Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ A 4 3

 14 ♠ A J 10 8 2
 5 7 ♥ A K 8 2
 14 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ 10 5



Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

W N E S

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

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13 14

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♠ K 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 6 2

Deal 35

South Deals ♠ 10 8 2
E-W Vul ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

10
8 **10**
12

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

Deal 36

West Deals ♠ A 8
Both Vul ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

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13 9
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W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4