

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 3
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ K Q 5 2
 ♣ T 9 3

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4
 ♥ A K Q 4 2
 ♦ J T 7 4
 ♣ 8 7

♠ Q 9
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ A Q J 4 2

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

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 .

SOUTH naturally bids 2 and NORTH rebids the suit.

SOUTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ A T 9 8

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ K J 4

♣ K Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 8 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

West North East South
3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

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NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ T
 ♣ Q 7 3

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9
 ♥ Q T 9 5
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4
 ♥ 8 6 3
 ♦ A K Q 9 7 4
 ♣ 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3NT

6 NT by North

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

. There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When SOUTH shows

A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ A Q T 7
♣ K J T 2

♠ K J 6

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5



♠ T 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥

Pass

4♠

All Pass

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

S.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

4 ♠ by North