

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8
♥ 6 2
♦ T 5 4 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ A K 5

♥ T 7 4 3

♦ A 9 8 2

♣ K Q



♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 8

♦ K Q

♣ A J T 7 4

♠ T 9 3 2

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ J 7 6

♣ 6 3

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. The may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6NT.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 6 3
♥ T 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ T 8 4 2

♣ A J



♠ K J 9

♥ A Q

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K T 4

♠ Q 7 4

♥ K J 9 7 4

♦ 6

♣ 7 6 3 2

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EAST has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2NT.

WEST has 6 points, just enough to bid 3NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

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

3 NT by West

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ Q J 7 2
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ 8 4 3

♠ Q T 3

♥ K T 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ T 7 5 2

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♠ 7 6 4

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K 6 5 2

♣ A 9 6

♠ K J 9 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ Q T 8

♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1NT.

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

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3NT 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 3NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q T

♦ A J 7

♣ Q T 8

♠ J 8 5

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ A 5



♠ T 6 4 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ Q 5 3

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 7

♥ A 8 4

♦ K T 6

♣ K J 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

4NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by West

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WEST has a great 1NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

EAST has 16 points; he figures it is possible that WEST can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4NT, expecting WEST to bid 6NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - WEST had 17 points so she bid 6NT.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 3

♣ A 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8



♠ Q

♥ T 8 7 2

♦ J T 9 7 6 4

♣ 7 5

♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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SOUTH 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

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

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