

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

13
9 10
8

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5



♠ 10 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 7 4



♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 6

♠ 8
♥ J 8 3
♦ A K Q 10 6 2
♣ J 5 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a normal 1st opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2nd,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

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s,

first because she knows there is a â™ fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ —
♣ 7 6 4 3

18
3 4
15

West

Pass
Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 8



♠ A 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

♠ 10 5 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 9 2

With balanced distribution and 16 points
SOUTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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NORTH's response is based on simple
math. He adds his 18 points to the 15
minimum that SOUTH has announced
and

comes up with 33 points combined. This
is enough for a small slam, and since he
has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3

♥ J 8 5 4 3

♦ K J 9

♣ J 4 2

20
6 7
7

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7



♠ K 4

♥ Q 10 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

North

1 ♠

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1st opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2nd.

SOUTH does not have 3-card st support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.