

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

20
4 4
12

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2



♠ Q 10 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT

NORTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 4
♥ A J 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 8 7 2

8
9 15
8

West

2 NT

2 NT by East

♠ K 7 3 2
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ J 2
♣ A 5 4



♠ A Q 8
♥ 8 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 6 4
♣ 9 6

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

WEST, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite EAST to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

EAST doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ 9 8 3

18
 5 8
 9

♠ Q 10 8 2

♥ A K

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q 5

W N
 S E

♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1st NT.

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1st NT.

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3rd NT and SOUTH bids the game.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

6
21 7
6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

♠ A 10 9 8 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 8 4 2

♣ Q 6



♠ 7 6

♥ J 6 5 3

♦ A 7

♣ J 10 7 4 3

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ K 10 6 5

♣ 9 8 5

WEST has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

EAST knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.