

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
**5 8**  
**16**

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has excellent  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>, which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ 8 7
None Vul	♥ 10 6 4
	♦ K Q 10 9 6
	♣ 10 7 3

♠ Q 10 9 4 3	♠ J 5 2		
♥ K 3	♥ Q 8 7 5 2		
♦ 7 4 3	♦ 8 5		
♣ Q J 6	♣ K 9 4		
5 8    6 21	♠ A K 6 ♥ A J 9 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 8 5 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 6 points to SOUTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

suit to be useful to NORTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
9    10  
8

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

N  
W   E  
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♠ A Q 8 7 4  
♥ 9 7 3  
♦ A 9 5 2  
♣ 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
1 NT by South			

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 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 10 11  
 13

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

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

N  
 W   E  
 S

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

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

SOUTH has a normal 1 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  opening bid,  
 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7  
 points, so she raises to 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ ,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

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s,

first because she knows there is a  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$   
 fit, and second because she doesn't have

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

**Deal 5**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ Q 9 7 6</b> <b>♥ J 10 8 4 3</b> <b>♦ —</b> <b>♣ 7 6 4 3</b>	<b>♠ K J 4</b> <b>♥ K Q 9 2</b> <b>♦ A Q 5</b> <b>♣ K 10 8</b>
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<b>♠ 10 5 2</b> <b>♥ 6 5</b> <b>♦ 10 8 7 3 2</b> <b>♣ A 9 2</b>
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<b>18</b> <b>3 4</b> <b>15</b>	<b>♠ A 8 3</b> <b>♥ A 7</b> <b>♦ K J 9 6 4</b> <b>♣ Q J 5</b>
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass 6 NT by South	<i>North</i> 6 NT	<i>East</i> Pass	<i>South</i> 1 NT Pass
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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 6**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 3  
 ♥ J 8 5 4 3  
 ♦ K J 9  
 ♣ J 4 2

**20**  
 6 7  
 7



♠ Q J 10 9 6  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ A Q 6  
 ♣ A K 7

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£.

SOUTH does not have 3-card  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> 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.