

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ A K 9
None Vul	♥ A K 2
	♦ A 8 3
	♣ A J 7 4
♠ Q 6 4	♠ J 10 5 3
♥ Q J 9 8 3	♥ 10 6
♦ K 9 5	♦ Q 10 7
♣ 6 2	♣ K Q 10 8
23 8 8 1	♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ J 6 4 2 ♣ 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass

2 NT by North

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

♦

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

**Deal 2**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
5 22  
8

West      North      East      South  
2 ♦      Pass      2 NT      Pass  
3 NT      Pass      Pass      Pass  
3 NT by East

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 8 2  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ K Q J  
♣ K Q 10

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

EAST has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

WEST, with 5 points, must respond

♦

. Both these

bids are artificial.

EAST now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

WEST bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ J 6 3

♣ J 8

6 7  
22

♠ Q J 10 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3


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

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

3 NT by South

SOUTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♠.

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the ♠s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

West Deals	♠ J 8 6 4
None Vul	♥ J 4 3
	♦ Q J 4
	♣ K 3 2

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



8	♠ 10 9 7 5
22 4	♥ 6
6	♦ K 10 5 3
	♣ Q J 9 5

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

WEST has 23 points and opens 2♣.

EAST, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

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WEST now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

EAST likes

♥

s, she has already told WEST she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

♥

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**Deal 5**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

**26**  
 5 5  
 4  
 ♣ 9 5 3

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

♠ A J 8 7  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ A 8 6  
 ♣ A K Q J

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

N  
W E  
S

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 2  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ J 7 2  
♣ 8 6 5 3

8  
1 20  
11

West  
2 ♦  
3 ♣  
Pass  
3 ♥ by East

♠ Q 5  
♥ 10 9  
♦ K Q 10 9 5  
♣ J 10 9 4



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

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

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

EAST has 22 points and opens 2♣.

WEST is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦  
. .

EAST bids his suit, 2

♥  
. .

WEST is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

EAST rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and WEST passes.

**Deal 7**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

**25**  
 3 5  
 7  
 ♠ 4 2  
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5  
 ♦ A 5 2  
 ♣ 7 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

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

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

N  
 W E  
 S

NORTH has a nice 2♣ opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

♥

suit.

NORTH likes

♥

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

♥

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**Deal 8**

East Deals

None Vul

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



♠ 6 5  
♥ 9 6  
♦ Q 9 5 4  
♣ Q 10 9 6 5

♠ K Q 10 2  
♥ A Q J 10 5  
♦ A K 2  
♣ K

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2  
    ♠ 7 4  
    ♥ 8 4 3  
    ♦ J 10 8 7 3  
    ♣ J 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	ALL		Pass
7 ♠ by West			

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***Deal 9***

**Deal 9**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6  
♥ A K J 2  
♦ A K Q  
♣ 8 6

22 7  
4 7  
4

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W		E
	S	

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4♦ by East			

WEST has a minimum 2♣ opening.

EAST, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♦.

WEST shows the ♠ support first, to set the trump suit, and to give EAST an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

EAST would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4♦ which WEST passes.

**Deal 10**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**22**  
 6 4  
 8



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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

NORTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2♣, expecting to rebid 2 NT.

But SOUTH responds a positive 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

NORTH bids what his hand is worth, 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 11**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9

♥ A J 8 2

♦ A 6

♣ A K 9 3

$$\begin{matrix} 8 \\ 23 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$$

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

WEST opens 2♣ and EAST responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

WEST bids 2 NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

EAST has enough points to bid 3 NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3♣ Stayman instead. WEST

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2 NT rebid.

So WEST shows her 4-card

♥

suit and EAST bids 4

♥

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**Deal 12**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 9 8 6

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A Q 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 NT by North

NORTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2 NT to SOUTH's 2♣ opening bid.

SOUTH bids 3 NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6 NT.

**Deal 13**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 2  
♥ 9 7 5 3  
♦ Q 7 4 2  
♣ Q 9 3

9  
4 20  
7

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



♠ A K Q 8 6  
♥ A K 10 8 2  
♦ A  
♣ 8 6

♠ 10 9 4  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 10 6 5  
♣ A J 10 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

EAST has both Majors and enough points to open 2♣.

WEST, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

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EAST first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♣.

WEST is too strong for second negative, he bids 2 NT.

EAST now shows her second suit, 3

♥

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WEST is happy to bid the game in

♥

S.

**Deal 14**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
**2 4**  
**23**

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

♠ 10 9 6 4  
♥ 7 3  
♦ 4 3  
♣ A 8 7 6 5

♠ A Q 2  
♥ A K Q 5  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ K Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2♣ and expects to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

♦

s she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3 NT.

NORTH bids 6 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

**Deal 15**

West Deals	♠ Q J 5
None Vul	♥ 10 6 4
	♦ 10 7 3
	♣ 10 8 5 2
♠ K 6	♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ A K Q J 2	W N E
♦ K Q J	♦ 9 7 5
♣ K Q J	♦ 8 5 2
	♣ A 3
	♠ 8 4 3
25 3	♥ 8 3
8 4	♦ A 9 6 4
	♣ 9 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by West			

pass

pass

EAST, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

WEST bids her

♥

s and EAST agrees the trump suit with a 4

♥

bid.

WEST thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that EAST holds two Aces she bids

6 NT. She could also have bid 6

♥

but 6 NT scores a little more.

**Deal 16**

North Deals

None Vul

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

♦

to NORTH's opening 2♣ bid.

NORTH bids his 5-card ♠ suit.

SOUTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports NORTH's ♠.

NORTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4♠.

**Deal 17**

West Deals	♠ 9 8 5 3
None Vul	♥ 8 3
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ J 10 9 8
	♠ A Q
	♥ K Q J 2
	♦ A Q 9 8
	♣ A K 4

$\begin{matrix} & 1 \\ 25 & 9 \\ & 5 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit 10 6 4 \\ \heartsuit 10 9 6 4 \\ \diamondsuit K 10 5 \\ \clubsuit Q 7 2 \end{matrix}$
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	N W S E	♠ K J 7 2 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 6 5 3
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 NT by East

WEST opens 2♣ with her balanced 25 points.

EAST has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2 NT.

WEST figures EAST for 8 points and bids 6 NT. If EAST has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7 NT. But he doesn't.

**Deal 18**

North Deals ♠ K Q J 8 2

None Vul ♥ A 5

♦ A K 2

♣ A K 2

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ 7

♦ Q 7 5 3

♣ J 10 9 6



♠ 7  
**24**  
 3 7  
 6      ♠ 7  
 ♦ K Q J 8 3 2  
 ♦ 9 8 6  
 ♣ 8 7 4

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

West      North      East      South

2 ♣      Pass      2 ♥

Pass      2 ♠      Pass      3 ♥

Pass      6 ♥      Pass      Pass

ALL      Pass

6 ♥ by South

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***Deal 20***

**Deal 19**South Deals  
None Vul♠ 6 4 2  
♥ 10 6  
♦ 10 5 4  
♣ A 10 9 8 7**12**  
**4 2**  
**22**

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

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♣ by North			

After SOUTH's 2♣ opening, NORTH bids 2 NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. NORTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is Stayman, asking NORTH for a 4-card Major. NORTH mentions his ♠s and

SOUTH bids 4♣, showing a minimum 2♣ opener with 4 ♠s.

Now NORTH adds his 12 points to SOUTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6♣.

**Deal 20**

East Deals

None Vul

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

3 7  
10 20

West

North

East

South

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ 10 9 7 4

♥ 4

♦ K 5 4

♣ K J 9 8 5



♠ A K Q 6 3  
♥ A K 10 9 6  
♦ 10 6  
♣ A

♠ J 8 5  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ Q 4 2

WEST has 3 points, so she responds 2

♦

to EAST's opening 2♣ bid,

then bids 3♣ as a second-negative when EAST bids 2♣.

However, when EAST then bids

♥

s, WEST finds two more points

and bids 4

♥

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**Deal 21**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ J 6 4  
♣ A 9 8 4 2

<sup>22</sup>  
6 4  
8

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

NORTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But SOUTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so NORTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since NORTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

**Deal 22**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**23**      **5**  
**6**      **6**



**♠** K 9 8 7  
**♥** Q J 8 2  
**♦** 9 8 6  
**♣** 7 4

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

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*

<b>2 ♣</b>	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
<b>2 NT</b>	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
<b>3 ♠</b>	Pass	4 ♠	ALL

Pass

4 ♠ by West

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***Deal 25***

**Deal 23**

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A 8  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ A K Q J 8 6  
♣ K 4



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 NT	ALL	Pass	
7 NT by East			

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***Deal 27***

**Deal 24**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

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

6  
 7 22  
 5

	N		E	
W		S		
	♠ 8		♥ A K Q 5	
			♦ A K 7 2	
			♣ K Q J 3	

♠ A J 10 4  
 ♥ 10 8 4  
 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ 10 7 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6♦ by West			

When EAST opens 2♣ WEST has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

♦

s, she must jump to 3

♦

EAST thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that WEST holds one Ace.

That's all WEST needs to know to bid 6

♦