

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
5 7
14

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5



West North East South

1 ♠

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass

3 NT by North

South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2 NT. South happily says 3 NT.

Deal 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

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

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that West might also have 4 ♥s.

West doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

East understands that West's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since East does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3 NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

♠ A K 9 7 4
 ♥ K Q 6 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 10 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♣ by South			

North passes and South opens 1♠.

North now bids 2♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♠ by West			

West opens 1♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ East must respond 1 NT.

In standard bidding West would happily pass a 1 NT response. But in 2/1 the 1 NT response is forcing for 1 round. West is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2♣.

East prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that West has bid a 3-card suit. So East gives a preference to 2♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

West happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1 NT.