

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

9
9 5
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3



♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

9
10 6
15

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4



♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

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

This time SOUTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

SOUTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

2
 10 8
 20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q

South

2 NT

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ A 7 3 2

♣ 6 5 2

9
6 9
16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 7 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 10 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 8

♥ A 10 9

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ K 9 7

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

SOUTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

NORTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking SOUTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But SOUTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

8
 7 5
 20

♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6



♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3

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

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and SOUTH passes.