

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

¹⁷
8 6
9

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J 10

W N
S E

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 10 9 5 2
♣ A 6 4

♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 9 3

5
 9 17
 9

West

2 NT
 Pass
 3 NT by East

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ Q 10 8

♠ K Q 3
 ♥ J 6 3
 ♦ K 9 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

North East South

1 NT Pass

Pass 3 NT

Pass Pass

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

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

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

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

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

10 9
15 6

N
W E
S

♠ 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ A J 10 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ K J 5 2

10
20 **2**
8

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 4 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ J 4 2
 ♣ 9 8 7 3

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q

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

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

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

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

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.