

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

16
9 8
7

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S
♠ J 9 4
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

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

NORTH has a perfect 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 ($7 + 17$).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

12 7
16 5

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

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, WEST knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST also has a balanced hand she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K J 9 8 2

14
5 **5**
16

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

♠ A J 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ Q 10 7



♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ 4 3

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1 NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3 NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

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

8	♠ 8 7 3
17 7	♥ Q 10 9 4
8	♦ 10 7 6
	♣ K Q J



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

1 NT by West

When WEST opens 1 NT, EAST knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Deal 5West 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
E
S

♠ 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 6East 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

3 NT 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 7 ♠ A 10 6
South Deals ♥ A 7 4
Both Vul ♦ K Q 10 2
 ♣ K 8 4
♠ K Q 7 2 ♠ J 9 4
♥ 8 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 5
♦ 9 4 ♦ J 7 5
♣ A 7 3 2 ♣ Q J 10

N
W E
S

16
9 8
7
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

7
12 **16**
5

N
W E
S

♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

Deal 9

North Deals	♠ A J 3
E-W Vul	♥ A 8 7
	♦ Q J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 7
♠ 10 6	♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ 8 6 3	♦ K 7 2
♣ K J 9 8 2	♣ 4 3
14	♠ K Q 8 2
5 5	♥ K 9 6
16	♦ A 9 4
	♣ A 6 5



Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K 6 3

♦ K 8 5 2

♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 3

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ 10 7 6

♣ K Q J

8
17 7
8

Deal 11 ♠ K Q J
South Deals ♥ Q J 9 5
None Vul ♦ A J 8
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ 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

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 5

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A 7 6

♠ 10 8 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ Q 6 5

♣ K J 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 6

♥ A Q 4

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8

5
9 17
9♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ K 8 4

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 10

16
9 8
7
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3

♥ Q J 7 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 10 8

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A Q 6

♠ K J 5 2

7
12 16

5

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 8 2

♣ J 5 3 2

Deal 15

South Deals	♠ A J 3
N-S Vul	♥ A 8 7
	♦ Q J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 7
♠ 10 6	♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ 8 6 3	♦ K 7 2
♣ K J 9 8 2	♣ 4 3
14	♠ K Q 8 2
5 5	♥ K 9 6
16	♦ A 9 4
	♣ A 6 5



Deal 16West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 9 6
♥ A J 5
♦ A Q J
♣ A 9 3 2

8
17 7
8

♠ 8 7 3
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ 10 7 6
♣ K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

Deal 17 ♠ K Q J
North Deals ♥ Q J 9 5
None Vul ♦ A J 8
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ 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

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 5

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A 7 6

♠ 10 8 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ Q 6 5

♣ K J 9 3

W N E S

♠ A 9 7 6

♥ A Q 4

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8

5
9 17
9♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 10 6

♥ A 7 4

♦ K Q 10 2

♣ K 8 4

♠ K Q 7 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ J 7 5

♣ Q J 10

16
9 8
7
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

Deal 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

7
12 **16**
5

N
W E
S

♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A J 3
N-S Vul	♥ A 8 7
	♦ Q J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 7
♠ 10 6	♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ 8 6 3	♦ K 7 2
♣ K J 9 8 2	♣ 4 3
14	♠ K Q 8 2
5 5	♥ K 9 6
16	♦ A 9 4
	♣ A 6 5



Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K 6 3

♦ K 8 5 2

♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 5 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 3

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ 10 7 6

♣ K Q J

8
17 7
8

Deal 23 ♠ K Q J
South Deals ♥ Q J 9 5
Both Vul ♦ A J 8
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ 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

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A 7 6

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

5
9 17
9

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ A 10 6
E-W Vul ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ K Q 10 2
 ♣ K 8 4

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 10

16
9 8
7
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

7
12 16
5

N
W E
S

♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

Deal 27

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

N
W E
S

Deal 28West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 9 6
♥ A J 5
♦ A Q J
♣ A 9 3 2

8
17 7
8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 3
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ 10 7 6
♣ K Q J

Deal 29 ♠ K Q J
North Deals ♥ Q J 9 5
Both Vul ♦ A J 8
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ 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

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A 7 6

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

5
9 17
9

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

Deal 31 ♠ A 10 6

South Deals ♥ A 7 4

N-S Vul ♦ K Q 10 2

♣ K 8 4

♠ K Q 7 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ J 7 5

♣ Q J 10

16
9 8
7
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 3

♥ Q J 7 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 10 8

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A Q 6

7
12 **16**
5♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

Deal 33

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



Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K 6 3

♦ K 8 5 2

♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

W N E S

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 3

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ 10 7 6

♣ K Q J

8
17 7
8

Deal 35 ♠ K Q J
South Deals ♥ Q J 9 5
E-W Vul ♦ A J 8
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ 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

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 5

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A 7 6

♠ 10 8 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ Q 6 5

♣ K J 9 3

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

5
9 17
9