

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2  
♥ A 8 4 3  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ 4

♠ A Q T

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 3

♣ A J T



♠ K 7 5

♥ T 9 5 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 6 3

♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3♣

3 NT by North

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SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid  
3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

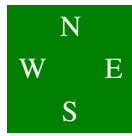
suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long  
suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

**Board 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ T 7  
 ♥ A 7 5  
 ♦ T 9 4 2  
 ♣ 9 6 5 3

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



♠ K 9 8 5 2  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J 6 3  
 ♣ A T 8 7

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

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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 When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
 ♥ J 9  
 ♦ K T 8 5  
 ♣ A T 8 7 5 3

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6



♠ A 7 5  
 ♥ Q T 7 2  
 ♦ J 6  
 ♣ Q J 9 2

♠ J T 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2NT

All Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

3 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3 to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

s rather than so

he signs off in 3

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 7

♦ 9

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K Q T 8 7 2

♣ 9 4



♠ Q J

♥ A J T 8 6

♦ 6 5 3

♣ T 8 3

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ A K 6 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♦

Pass

2NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

tricks

she bids 3NT.

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With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 2  
♥ T 9 4 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ K Q 8

♥ A K 8

♦ J 4 3

♣ A T 6 5



♠ T 6 4 3

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ T 7

♣ K J 4

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

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

3 NT by South

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NORTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good SOUTH's hand is.

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH has the exact hand to say 3NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.