

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
7 10  
6

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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

N  
W E  
S

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

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH's 2

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raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
12 15  
7

*West*

♠ K 8 6 5  
♥ Q J 7 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ 9 7 5 3

N  
W E  
S

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

*North*

♠ A Q 4  
♥ K 10 8  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ A J 6

*East**South*

1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by East

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

15 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 has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9  
♥ Q J 4 3  
♦ K Q J 9 6 3  
♣ Q 4

14  
11 9  
6

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

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



♠ K 10 7 3  
♥ K 6  
♦ 10 7 5 4  
♣ 8 5 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1<sup>st</sup> opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

1<sup>st</sup>

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major 1<sup>st</sup> suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four 1<sup>st</sup>s, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening

bid she merely raises to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6

♥ A K Q 7 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ 6 4

9  
16 6  
9

*West*

1 ♥

3 ♥

3 ♥ by West

♠ K 4 3

♥ 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 6 2

♣ A Q 3



♠ A 10 9 8 2

♥ J 6

♦ Q J

♣ J 10 9 7

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

2 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

With 17 points WEST is not strong enough to insist on game after EAST's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

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bid.

EAST, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.