Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 5
♣ A Q J

N
W   E
S

♠ K
♥ Q J T 5
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ T 7 3 2

7
10   7
16

♠ A T 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q T 2
♣ K 8 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
All Pass			

1 NT by South

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

NORTH 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 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

♠ J 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ A 4
♣ J 7 5 3 2

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    N
 W     E
    S
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♠ K 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ T 9

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   12
 7     5
   16
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♠ A Q 4
♥ K T 8
♦ J T 9 5
♣ A Q 6

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

SOUTH has an ideal 1NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

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

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

Deal 3

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A J 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q J T 5
♣ Q T 7

♠ 5 4
♥ Q J T 5 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 9 4 3

N
W   E
S

♠ T 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ K 8 2

14
4   6
16

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1NT.

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

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

♠ Q T
♥ K T 4
♦ T 8 6 5 2
♣ Q J 8

N
W   E
S

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K T 4

7

8   8

17

♠ J 9 6
♥ A J 5
♦ A Q J
♣ A 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

When SOUTH opens 1NT, NORTH knows that he cannot have more

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

Deal 5

East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ T 8 6 3
	♥ K 4 2
	♦ K 4 3
	♣ K 7 5

♠ 9 5 2		♠ A 7 4
♥ A 7 3	N	♥ T 8 6
♦ Q 9 5	W E	♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 9 6 4 3	S	♣ A 8 2

9

6   8

17

	♠ K Q J
	♥ Q J 9 5
	♦ A J 8
	♣ Q J T

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

NORTH has 9 points:

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

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

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

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

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

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 3 2		♠ K Q J 5
♥ J T 8 6	N	♥ 9 5 3
♦ K T 9 8	W E	♦ 7 3 2
♣ A 5 4	S	♣ 7 6 2

	♠ A 9 7 6	
	♥ A Q 4	
	♦ A J 4	
	♣ Q T 8	

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    9
 8     6
   17
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West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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

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

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2NT. 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 3NT.

Deal 7

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ T 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 9 8 7 5
♥ Q J T 4
♦ Q 3
♣ A 2

N
W   E
S

♠ 3
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 9 7 6 5
♣ Q J 6 3

9
10   6
15

♠ A T 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K T 9 5

This time SOUTH has a minimum 1NT 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 2NT bid.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ J 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 3

♠ A 8
♥ K 7 6
♦ T 6 5 3
♣ A T 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5 3
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ Q

♠ K Q 6
♥ A J T 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

2
11   7
20

West	North	East	South
			2NT

All Pass

2 NT by South

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

It is just right to open 2NT (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 9

East Deals
E-W Vul

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

♠ Q 9 6 5 4		♠ J 2
♥ J 4 3	N	♥ K 8 6 5
♦ A 7 6	W E	♦ 5 3 2
♣ 5 2	S	♣ A 6 4 3

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      9
   7     8
     16
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	♠ A T 8	
	♥ A T 9	
	♦ K Q T 8	
	♣ K 9 7	

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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

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

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

♠ 5
♥ Q J 8 6 3 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ T 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 7 4 3
♥ T 9
♦ J 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

8
7   5
20

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q T 8
♣ A J 7 3

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

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

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 3NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 11

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ T 7 6 2
♦ T 9 3
♣ A 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 5
♥ A 8 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ T 9 6 5

16
4   5
15

♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	

4 NT by North

Deal 12
South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K T 5 2

♠ K 6 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ Q J 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ A J T 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6 4

9
10   6
15

♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ Q T 7 6
♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

SOUTH has a minimum 1NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 13
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K T 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A K 3

♠ 7 3
♥ J T 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ J T 3
♣ 8 7 6

18
1   5
16

♠ Q J 4
♥ A K
♦ K 7 6
♣ Q J T 5 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	6NT	Pass	

6 NT by North

Deal 14
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ K J T
♣ A 7 4 3

♠ T 8 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ J T 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ A 6 3 2
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9 6 5

14

1　　**4**

21

♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K Q 8

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

to 6NT.

The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is NORTH who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when SOUTH indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

Deal 15

East Deals

N-S Vul

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              ♠ 8 5 3
              ♥ K 9 6
              ♦ A 8 6 3
              ♣ 9 6 5
♠ K Q J 9 4          ♠ 7 2
♥ T 7 2      N      ♥ J 8 5 3
♦ 5 4     W   E     ♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 8 4      S      ♣ A T 3 2
      7
   8     5
      20
              ♠ A T 6
              ♥ A Q 4
              ♦ K Q J T
              ♣ K J 7
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West	North	East	South
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

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SOUTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2NT.

NORTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3NT.

Deal 16
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ 7 6 4	
	♥ A K 8	
	♦ K Q	
	♣ A J T 7 4	

♠ T 9 3 2		♠ Q J 8
♥ Q J 9 5	N	♥ 6 2
♦ J 7 6	W E	♦ T 5 4 3
♣ 6 3	S	♣ 9 8 5 2

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    17
  4    3
    16
```

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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

NORTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when SOUTH opens 1NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. The may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so NORTH

GOES

to 6NT.

Deal 17

East Deals
None Vul

♠ T 6 3
♥ T 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K J 9 7 4
♦ 6
♣ 7 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ T 8 4 2
♣ A J

6

6   9

19

♠ K J 9
♥ A Q
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K T 4

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

3 NT by North

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SOUTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2NT.

NORTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 18
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ T 7 5 2

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ A 9 6

N
W E
S

9
8   7
16

♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q T 8
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1NT.

With 9 points, NORTH has invitational strength, so he says 2NT.

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 19

East Deals

E-W Vul

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              ♠ A 7
              ♥ A 8 4
              ♦ K T 6
              ♣ K J 7 4 2
♠ J 8 5              N        ♠ T 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 5 2       W        E    ♥ J 9 3
♦ 9 8 4 2              S      ♦ Q 5 3
♣ A 5                        ♣ 9 6 3
              ♠ K Q 9 3
              ♥ K Q T
              ♦ A J 7
              ♣ Q T 8
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      15
   5      3
      17
```

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6 NT by South

SOUTH has a great 1NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

NORTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that SOUTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - SOUTH had 17 points so she bid 6NT.

Deal 20
South Deals
None Vul

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                    ♠ K 8
                    ♥ A K 5
                    ♦ A 8
                    ♣ Q T 9 6 3 2
♠ Q                        ♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2
♥ T 8 7 2      N           ♥ J 4 3
♦ J T 9 7 6 4  W   E       ♦ 3
♣ 7 5          S           ♣ A 4
                    ♠ A 7 4
       16           ♥ Q 9 6
   3       6        ♦ K Q 5 2
       15           ♣ K J 8
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NORTH definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

SOUTH's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

Deal 21

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ K 3
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A T 3

N
W   E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ Q T 8 4
♦ T 8
♣ 9 7 6 4

3
10   6
21

♠ Q J T
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2NT
All Pass			

2 NT by South

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, SOUTH opens 2NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2NT.

Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

	♠ K 5 3	
	♥ K 5 3	
	♦ K 5 3	
	♣ K 7 5 3	

♠ Q J T 9	N	♠ 8 7 6
♥ Q J T	W E	♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ J 9 8	S	♦ Q T 7
♣ T 9 8		♣ Q J 6

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      12
   7      5
      16
```

	♠ A 4 2
	♥ A 4 2
	♦ A 6 4 2
	♣ A 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Deal 23

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ Q J 8

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ T 5
♣ 9 7 4 2

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        N
    W       E
        S
```

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ T 5 3

```
        14
    2       4
        20
```

♠ A J 5
♥ Q T 9 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A K 6

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6NT.

Deal 24

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ J T 9 2
♥ A J 7 5 2
♦ T 8
♣ K 9

N
W E
S

♠ 8 4 3
♥ T 6
♦ A J 9 5
♣ J T 8 4

8
9   6
17

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ A 6 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

1 NT by South

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NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1NT NORTH knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.