

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6 5

♣ 3

20  
7 7  
6

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A J 10



♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

Pass

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3<sup>TM</sup>£ opening bid.

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

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

but 5<sup>TM</sup>£ would go down 1.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
23 5  
5

*West*

2 NT

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 8 2

♥ 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A 10 8 7 5



♠ 9 7 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ 9 6 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

When EAST opens with a Weak 2

♠™¥

bid, WEST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

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

EAST returns to

♠™¥

s to show bare minimum so WEST settles for game.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4

♥ 10 2

♦ 6 5

♣ Q J 10 8 7 3

14  
7 11  
8

♠ J 10 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 5

♥ Q J 9 7

♦ K J 10 8

♣ A 9 5 2

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by South

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

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

SOUTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3<sup>TM</sup>♠ to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

3<sup>TM</sup>♣

s rather than 3<sup>TM</sup>♠s, so

he signs off in 3<sup>TM</sup>♠

**Deal 4**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
18 8  
9

West

2 NT

3 NT

3 NT by West

North

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A 9 8 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 3 2



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

North

East

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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

WEST found out that EAST has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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A or

â™¥

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents

taking the first five

â™¥

tricks

she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2  
 ♥ J 10 4 3 2  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ Q J 9 4

17  
 5 9  
 9

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K Q 8

♥ A K 8

♦ J 4 3

♣ A 10 6 5



♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

*North*

2 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♦

3 NT

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

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

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

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