

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K J 3		
None Vul	♥ K Q 5		
	♦ A Q J		
	♣ K J 4 2		
♠ A 7 6 4 2	♠ 9 5		
♥ 9 2	♥ 10 8 7 4 3		
♦ 6 4 2	♦ 8 7 5		
♣ 9 8 6	♣ A 7 3		
20 4 4 12	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A J 6 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ Q 10 5		
West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 NT by North			

NORTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

**Deal 2**

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

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

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

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K  
♥ 9 8 7 3  
♦ 10 9 8 5  
♣ J 10 6

9  
8 5  
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♠ 6 4 3  
♥ Q J 10 5  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ 9 8 3

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

West      North      East      South

1 ♣

Pass      1 ♠      Pass      3 ♠  
Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1♦.

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1♦.

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

**Deal 4**

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

♠ A 10 9 8 2	♠ 7 6
♥ 10 9 4	♥ J 6 5 3
♦ 8 4 2	♦ A 7
♣ Q 6	♣ J 10 7 4 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

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

SOUTH has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.