

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 4

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 10 9 5 2

♣ A 6 4

9  
6 8  
17

♠ 10 8 6 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ K 4 3

♣ K 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ A J 8

♣ Q J 10

♠ A 9 2

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 7 6

♣ 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	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 2 NT; this is an invitation for SOUTH to bid game.

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

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
9 5  
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



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

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

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

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

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

**Deal 3**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
10 6  
15

♠ K Q 4 2  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ 10 8 4  
♣ 8 7 4



♠ A 10 6  
♥ K 9 8  
♦ A J 2  
♣ K 10 9 5

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 NT by South			

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

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

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5  
 ♥ K 6 2  
 ♦ K 9 6 5  
 ♣ 10 6 4

2  
 10 8  
 20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

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

South

2 NT

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

It is just right to open 2 NT (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.