

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

15
6 10
9

♠ A 10 6

♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2

♣ K 10 9 5

W N
S E

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

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

This time NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

SOUTH 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.

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

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 10 6 4

10 2
8
20

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass
2 NT by South

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ J 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 3

♠ 9 8 3
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ A Q

♠ K Q 6
♥ A J 10 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

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.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K J 8 5 4
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 4 3

16
 9 6
 9

♠ A 10 8
 ♥ A 10 9
 ♦ K Q 10 8
 ♣ K 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 7 2
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8

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

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But NORTH 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 3 NT.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

8
7 5
20

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

♠ 7 5 3
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ A 7 6
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ A J 7 3

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

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

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 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4



♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6

♠ A 10 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2

West *North* *East* *South*

Pass 1 NT Pass 4 NT

Pass

4 NT by North

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Deal 6

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North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 3 2**♥ J 9 3****♦ 9 8 4****♣ J 6****15
6 10
9****♠ A Q 5****♥ K 8 5****♦ Q 10 7 6****♣ A 9 7**

♠ 9 7
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 10 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K 10 5 2

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

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

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

So she says 2 NT.

Since NORTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.