

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 6 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A J 7

6
 9 6
19



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

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ K J 9
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 10 4

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

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

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

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

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ Q 10 3
None Vul	♥ K 10 6
	♦ A 9 4
	♣ 10 7 5 2
	♠ 7 6 4
	♥ J 7 5 3
	♦ J 6 5
	♣ A 9 8
	9
	6 9
	16
	♠ K J 9 2
	♥ A 9 8
	♦ Q 10 8
	♣ K Q J



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

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

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT 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 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 9 5 4 3
♣ 5 3

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₂ 6
₁₇

♠ A 7
♥ A 8 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ K J 7 4 2

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♠ J 10 8 2
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 9 6

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7
♣ Q 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a great 1 NT 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 4 NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4

16
4 5
15

♠ K 8
♥ A K 5
♦ A 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

N
W E
S
♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	6 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
6 NT by South			

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 6 NT.

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