

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K J T 5
♣ Q 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2



♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

West

North

East

South

2♠

Pass

2NT

Pass

3♠

All Pass

3♠ by North

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SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he
bids 2NT to get more information about

NORTH's hand.

NORTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in
strength and no outside high card.

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Board 2
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 8 7
♥ 9 3
♦ K J T
♣ T 7 5

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♠ A 6 3
♥ A K Q J 7 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 4

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ A 2

West	North	East	South
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ by East

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EAST has no way to tell whether WEST can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

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If the opening lead is a or a

then EAST

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K J T 8 6 4
 ♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 9



♠ A 8 6 5

♥ T 4

♦ 9 3

♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ K 3

♥ A J 9 6 3

♦ A Q 7

♣ 8 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their

Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside
4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2 SOUTH might well pass
and a

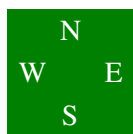
game

would be missed.

Board 4
 East Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A J T
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ Q T 4

♠ T 9 7 5 4
 ♥ Q 9 8
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A 5 3 2



♠ K J 8
 ♥ K 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ J 9 8 6

♠ 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ A J T 8 3 2
 ♣ K 7

West	North	East	South
		2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3 NT by West

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 WEST responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When EAST shows a decent hand with a high
 WEST should bid 3NT.