

**Board 1**  
West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K Q 9 3  
♥ K Q T  
♦ A J 7  
♣ Q T 8



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

♠ A 7  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ K T 6  
♣ K J 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

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NORTH has a great 1NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

SOUTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that NORTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4NT, expecting NORTH to bid 6NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q  
♥ T 8 7 2  
♦ J T 9 7 6 4  
♣ 7 5

♠ K 8  
♥ A K 5  
♦ A 8  
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

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♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ 3  
♣ A 4

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	1NT

6NT by North

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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

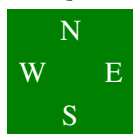
SOUTH's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6NT.

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

**Board 3**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 4 2  
 ♥ Q T 8 4  
 ♦ T 8  
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q J T  
 ♥ A J 7  
 ♦ A K 6 2  
 ♣ K Q J



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

♠ 9 7 6 5  
 ♥ K 3  
 ♦ Q J 9 5  
 ♣ A T 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

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 With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, NORTH  
 opens 2NT.

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that NORTH  
 cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2NT.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 9

♥ Q J T

♦ J 9 8

♣ T 9 8

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3



♠ 8 7 6

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ Q T 7

♣ Q J 6

♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3 NT by North

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This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3NT.

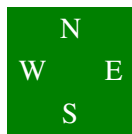
BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

**Board 5**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ 9 8 6 3  
♣ T 5 3

♠ A J 5  
♥ Q T 9 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A K 6



♠ Q 6 4  
♥ 8 7 6 4  
♦ T 5  
♣ 9 7 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

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Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here SOUTH has 14 points. So when NORTH opens 2NT, showing 20 or 21 points SOUTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6NT.

**Board 6**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 9 2  
♥ A J 7 5 2  
♦ T 8  
♣ K 9

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q 8 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ 8 4 3

♥ T 6

♦ A J 9 5

♣ J T 8 4

♠ A K 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 7 4 3

♣ A 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

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NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1NT NORTH knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.