**Deal 1**
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 2
♡ Q 7 5
◇ Q 10 7 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 9 6 3
♡ 10 9 8 2
◇ 9 5 3
♣ 10 6

| | N | |
|---|---|---|
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 7 4
♡ J 4 3
◇ J 6 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5
♡ A K 6
◇ A K 8
♣ K Q J

8
4   6
22

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      |       |      | 2 ♣   |
| Pass | 2 NT  | Pass | 3 NT  |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

3 NT by North

SOUTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But NORTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so SOUTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since SOUTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

**Deal 2**
East Deals
None Vul

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                 ♠ 10 6 5
                 ♡ 10 9 7
                 ◇ A 5 4
                 ♣ Q 10 3 2
♠ K 9 8 7              N          ♠ A Q J 2
♡ Q J 8 2          W     E       ♡ A K 5
◇ 9 8 6               S          ◇ K Q 7 3
♣ 7 4                            ♣ A 6
                 ♠ 4 3
      6          ♡ 6 4 3
   6    23       ◇ J 10 2
      5          ♣ K J 9 8 5
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| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      |       | 2 ♣  | Pass  |
| 2 ◇  | Pass  | 2 NT | Pass  |
| 3 ♣  | Pass  | 3 ♠  | Pass  |
| 4 ♠  | ALL   | Pass |       |

4 ♠ by East

*Deal 3*

**Deal 3**
East Deals
None Vul

North hand:
♠ Q 9 5 3
♡ J 8 6 2
◇ 9 3
♣ J 6 2

West hand:
♠ K 7 2
♡ A 9 7 5
◇ 10 7 2
♣ A 5 3

East hand:
♠ A 8
♡ K Q 4
◇ A K Q J 8 6
♣ K 4

South hand:
♠ J 10 6 4
♡ 10 3
◇ 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 8 7

4
11    22
3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      |       | 2 ♣  | Pass  |
| 2 NT | Pass  | 4 ♣  | Pass  |
| 4 ♠  | Pass  | 5 ♣  | Pass  |
| 5 ♡  | Pass  | 7 NT | ALL   |
| Pass |       |      |       |

7 NT by West

*Deal 5*

**Deal 4**
West Deals
None Vul

|  | ♠ A J 10 4 |  |
|---|---|---|
|  | ♡ 10 8 4 |  |
|  | ♦ 10 4 |  |
|  | ♣ 10 7 5 2 |  |

| West | | East |
|---|---|---|
| ♠ 8 | N | ♠ 9 7 3 |
| ♡ A K Q 5 | W · E | ♡ 6 2 |
| ♦ A K 7 2 | S | ♦ Q J 9 8 6 3 |
| ♣ K Q J 3 | | ♣ A 4 |

5
22   7
6

|  | ♠ K Q 6 5 2 |
|---|---|
|  | ♡ J 9 7 3 |
|  | ♦ 5 |
|  | ♣ 9 8 6 |

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 ♣ | Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| 6 ♦ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

6 ♦ by East

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When WEST opens 2♣ EAST has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

♦

s, she must jump to 3

♦

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WEST thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that EAST holds one Ace.

That's all EAST needs to know to bid 6

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