

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 2

¹⁷
6 8
9

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6

N
W E
S

♠ K J 7 6 5

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ A 3

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ J 9 5

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

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8 4
 ♥ A K 7 2
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ K 9 3

5
 14 14
 7

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

♠ 7 2
 ♥ 10 8 6 3
 ♦ K J 10 3
 ♣ J 6 4

♠ A Q 10 6
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A 8 7 4
 ♣ A 8 2

♠ 9 5 3
 ♥ Q J 9
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 10 7 5

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♦ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | 1 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ by East | | | |

With two 4-card Majors WEST should respond "up-the-line", bidding

1♦

s first.

Then, after EAST bids 1♦, WEST has enough points to jump all the way to 4♦.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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| | ♠ A 9 6 3 | | |
| | ♥ Q 6 4 | | |
| | ♦ A 9 6 2 | | |
| | ♣ J 7 | | |
| ♠ J 5 2 | | ♠ 7 | |
| ♥ K 9 8 5 | | ♥ J 10 3 2 | |
| ♦ J 10 | | ♦ 8 7 4 3 | |
| ♣ 8 5 4 3 | | ♣ A K 9 2 | |
| | ♠ K Q 10 8 4 | | |
| | ♥ A 7 | | |
| | ♦ K Q 5 | | |
| | ♣ Q 10 6 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 4 ♠ by South | | | |

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has excellent \hat{a} TM support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 \hat{a} TM, which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6
 ♥ A J 9
 ♦ A J 2
 ♣ A 8 5 2

8
 21 5
 6

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

♠ Q 10 9 4 3
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ 8 7
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ K Q 10 9 6
 ♣ 10 7 3

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K 9 4

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

WEST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2TM£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

EAST adds her 6 points to WEST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

âTM!

suit to be useful to EAST in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.