

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 8 7 3
 ♣ 7 2

♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 10 2
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

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10 9
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♠ 2
 ♥ 10 9 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 5
 ♣ K 10 4 3

♠ K J 3
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 5

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

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

NORTH's hand.

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

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

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

SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH 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 â™ or a

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then SOUTH

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

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 8
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

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

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4



♠ A 6
♥ 10 5 4
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ A Q 3 2

♠ Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9

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 SOUTH opened with 2â™, NORTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ AJ 10 8 3 2
 ♣ K 7
 ♠ K 10 8 7 4
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J 9 8 3 2



♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K 9 6 5 3
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ A 6 5

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A J 10
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 10 4

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

SOUTH responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high ♦, SOUTH should bid 3 NT.