

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 5

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ A T 3

♠ K 8 3

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West            North            East            South

Pass                       2NT

All Pass

2NT by South

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

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

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

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K 5 3****♥ K 5 3****♦ K 5 3****♣ K 7 5 3****♠ Q J T 9****♥ Q J T****♦ J 9 8****♣ T 9 8****♠ 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
			1NT

Pass      3NT      All Pass

3NT 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 3**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6NT by North

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

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

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 9 2	♠ Q 7 5
♥ A J 7 5 2	♥ Q 8 4
♦ T 8	♦ Q 6 2
♣ K 9	♣ Q 7 5 3

N
W
E
S

♠ 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.