Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 9
♡ A K 2
♢ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4

♠ Q 6 4
♡ Q J 9 8 3
♢ K 9 5
♣ 6 2

♠ J 10 5 3
♡ 10 6
♢ Q 10 7
♣ K Q 10 8

23
8 8
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♠ 8 7 2
♡ 7 5 4
♢ J 6 4 2
♣ 9 5 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♢
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2 NT by North

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2â™£.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 5
♡ J 10 9 3
♢ 7 4 2
♣ J 7

♠ K 7 3
♡ Q 8 2
♢ 10 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2

♠ A 8 2
♡ A K 7 5
♢ K Q J
♣ K Q 10

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♠ 10 6 4
♡ 6 4
♢ A 5 3
♣ A 9 8 6 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♢	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by East

EAST has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2â™£.

WEST, with 5 points, must respond

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bids are artificial.

EAST now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

WEST bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10 7 2
♡ A 5
♢ 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

♠ A 9 6 4
♡ 9 8 7 3
♢ J 6 3
♣ J 8

♠ 8 5
♡ 10 6 4
♢ K 10 5
♣ Q 10 9 7 2

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6 5
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♠ K 3
♡ K Q J 2
♢ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

SOUTH opens 2â™£ with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card â™ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2â™ .

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the â™ s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 6 4
♡ J 4 3
♢ Q J 4
♣ K 3 2

♠ K Q 2
♡ A K Q 7 5
♢ A 7 2
♣ A 10

♠ A 3
♡ 10 9 8 2
♢ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 6 4

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♠ 10 9 7 5
♡ 6
♢ K 10 5 3
♣ Q J 9 5

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♢	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4 ♡ by West

WEST has 23 points and opens 2â™£.

EAST, with 4 points, must respond 2

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WEST now shows a

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suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

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EAST likes

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s, she has already told WEST she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

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