

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 2
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A 7 3 2

16
 9 8
 7

♠ A 10 6
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ K Q 10 2
 ♣ K 8 4

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ J 7 5
 ♣ Q J 10

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 8 6 3
 ♣ 9 6 5

West North East South
 Pass 1 NT Pass Pass

1 NT by North

NORTH has a perfect 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 ($7 + 17$).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 9 7

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 6

West North East South
Pass 3 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass
3 NT by South

SOUTH has an ideal 1 NT opening -
16 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the
partnership total is between 27 and 29,
enough for game

but not enough to think about slam.
Since NORTH also has a balanced hand
she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 7 5 4
 ♥ Q 10 5 3
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ 4 3

16
 5 5
14

♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ A 6 5

♠ 10 6
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ K J 9 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 3
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ Q J 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 7

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

NORTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1 NT.

SOUTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

SOUTH just bids 3 NT, knowing NORTH

will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K 6 3

♦ K 8 5 2

♣ 10 8 4

♠ A K 5 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 3

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ 10 7 6

♣ K Q J



♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

8 7
17

West

North

East

South
1 NTPass
1 NT by South

Pass

Pass

When SOUTH opens 1 NT, NORTH knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.