

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6 5

♣ 3

20
7 7
6

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A J 10



♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

Pass

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3TM£ opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5TM£ would go down 1.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

♠ 9 7 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 9 6 3



♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A 10 8 7 5

23
5 7
5

♠ J 4
♥ K J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

♠TM¥

bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

♠TM¥

s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6

♠ 5

♥ Q J 9 7

♦ K J 10 8

♣ A 9 5 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ 10 2

♦ 6 5

♣ Q J 10 8 7 3

♠ J 10 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

8
11 7
14

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2 NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3TM♣ to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

3TM♠

s rather than 3TM♣s, so

he signs off in 3TM

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ A 9 8 7

♦ 9 5

♣ J 3 2

8
5 9
18

♠ 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K Q 10 8 7 2

♣ 9 4



♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ A K 6 5

♠ K Q J 9

♥ J 10 6

♦ 6 3

♣ Q 10 8 7

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

With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

â™¥

A or

â™¥

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

the first five

â™¥

tricks

she bids 3NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

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

17
 5 9
 9

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K Q 8

♥ A K 8

♦ J 4 3

♣ A 10 6 5



♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 NT

NORTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good SOUTH's hand is.

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

SOUTH has the exact hand to say 3 NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.