Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ 10 9 5		
	♡ J 4		
	◇ Q J 8 3		
	♣ K J 7 2		

♠ A Q 8 7 4
♡ 9 7 3
◇ A 9 5 2
♣ 4

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      N
    W   E
      S
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♠ K 2
♡ 10 6 5
◇ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

8
10 9
13

♠ J 6 3
♡ A K Q 8 2
◇ K 6
♣ 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♡
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1 NT by North

SOUTH has a solid 1

♥

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

SOUTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

North hand: ♠ J 9 6 2 ♡ K Q 7 5 ♢ 8 3 ♣ 10 7 4

West hand: ♠ A 5 4 ♡ 10 9 6 ♢ J 4 ♣ K Q 9 8 3

East hand: ♠ 8 ♡ J 8 3 ♢ A K Q 10 6 2 ♣ J 5 2

South hand: ♠ K Q 10 7 3 ♡ A 4 2 ♢ 9 7 5 ♣ A 6

Compass:
N
W E
S

6
10 11
13

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♠ by South

SOUTH has a normal 1♠ opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

♡

s,

first because she knows there is a ♠ fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 3
♡ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

♠ 10 5 2
♡ 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 9 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ Q 9 7 6
♡ J 10 8 4 3
♦ —
♣ 7 6 4 3

15
4   3
18

♠ K J 4
♡ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 8

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH should open 1 NT rather than 1 ♥.

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 4
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 6
♡ A 7
♢ A Q 6
♣ A K 7

♠ 8 3
♡ J 8 5 4 3
♢ K J 9
♣ J 4 2

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        N
    W       E
        S
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♠ A 7 5 2
♡ K 9 2
♢ 10 7 4
♣ 10 6 3

20
6   7
7

♠ K 4
♡ Q 10 6
♢ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

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

3 NT by South

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1♠ opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2♣.

SOUTH does not have 3-card ♠ support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.