

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ A Q 10		
South Deals	♥ K Q J		
None Vul	♦ Q J 10 3		
	♣ A J 10		
♠ 9 8 7 6	♠ K 5 4 2		
♥ A 9 8 3	♥ 10 5 4 2		
♦ K 8 6 5	♦ A 4 2		
♣ 3	♣ 6 4		
	♠ J 3		
20 7 7 6	♥ 7 6		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2		
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			3 ♣
3 NT by North			

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  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 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  would go down 1.

**Deal 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 9 7 5      ♠ A Q 6 3  
 ♥ A 7 4      ♥ Q 8 2  
 ♦ J 10 9 3    ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ 9 6 3      ♣ K Q J

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♠ K 10 8 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 6 4 2  
 ♣ A 10 8 7 5

♠ J 4  
 ♥ K J 10 9 6 3  
 ♦ 8 7 5  
 ♣ 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

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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

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s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ Q J 9 7  
♦ K J 10 8  
♣ A 9 5 2

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11 7  
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			

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♠ K Q 9 8 6 2	♦ 9 4	♣ A 7 4	♦ 10 2	♦ 6 5
♥ 8 6 4		♣ Q J 10 8 7 3		
	♠ J 10 3			
	♥ A K 5 3			
	♦ A Q 7 3 2			
	♣ 4			

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 3â™£ to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than â™£s, so

he signs off in 3â™

**Deal 4**North Deals  
None Vul♠ 7 3  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ K Q 10 8 7 2  
♣ 9 4♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A 9 8 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 3 2♠ K Q J 9  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ 6 3  
♣ Q 10 8 7♠ A 6 4  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ A J 4  
♣ A K 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

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

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

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

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

**Deal 5**

South Deals	♠ K Q 8
None Vul	♥ A K 8
	♦ J 4 3
	♣ A 10 6 5
♠ J 2	♠ A 10 6 4 3
♥ J 10 4 3 2	♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 8	♦ 7 5
♣ Q J 9 4	♣ K 7 2

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

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

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.