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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 5 3
♡ 10 6
◇ Q 10 7
♣ K Q 10 8

23
8   8
1

♠ 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 2♣.

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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 3
♡ Q 8 2
◇ 10 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2

♠ 10 6 4
♡ 6 4
◇ A 5 3
♣ A 9 8 6 3

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ Q J 9 5
♡ J 10 9 3
◇ 7 4 2
♣ J 7

5
8   5
22

♠ A 8 2
♡ A K 7 5
◇ K Q J
♣ K Q 10

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

♡

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

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

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ K 3		
	♡ K Q J 2		
	♢ A Q 9 8		
	♣ A K 4		

♠ 8 5		♠ A 9 6 4
♡ 10 6 4	N	♡ 9 8 7 3
♢ K 10 5	W E	♢ J 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 7 2	S	♣ J 8

	♠ Q J 10 7 2
	♡ A 5
	♢ 7 4 2
	♣ 6 5 3

22
5   6
  7

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

3 NT by North

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♠ .

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

SOUTH does NOT rebid the ♠ s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ A 3		
	♡ 10 9 8 2		
	◇ 9 8 6		
	♣ 8 7 6 4		

♠ J 8 6 4　　　　　♠ 10 9 7 5
♡ J 4 3　　　　　♡ 6
◇ Q J 4　　　　　◇ K 10 5 3
♣ K 3 2　　　　　♣ Q J 9 5

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        N
      W   E
        S
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4
8　6
22

　　　　　♠ K Q 2
　　　　　♡ A K Q 7 5
　　　　　◇ A 7 2
　　　　　♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	2 ♡
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♡ by South

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦.

SOUTH now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

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NORTH likes

♥

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

bids 4

♥

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Deal 5
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 8 7
♡ A K
◇ A 8 6
♣ A K Q J

♠ 9 4	N	♠ K 10 5 3
♡ Q 6 4	W E	♡ J 10 8 2
◇ K 10 7 3	S	◇ J 9 4
♣ 8 7 4 2		♣ 10 6

26
5 5
  4

♠ Q 6 2
♡ 9 7 5 3
◇ Q 5 2
♣ 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by North

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♡

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ K J 10 9 8
♥ J 3
♦ A 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ Q 5
♥ 10 9
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ J 10 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A K

1
11 8
20

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

♥

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NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and NORTH passes.