

Deal 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ 7 5 4 ♥ 10 6 ♦ Q 10 9 5 2 ♣ A 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ K 7 5</p>
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<p>9 6 8 17</p>	<p>♠ K Q J ♥ Q J 9 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ Q J 10</p>
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<p>West</p>	<p>North</p>	<p>East</p>	<p>South</p>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by South			



SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT opener.

NORTH has 9 points:

- if SOUTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if SOUTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since NORTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to SOUTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for SOUTH to bid game.

SOUTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2

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

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

W	N
S	E

⁹ ⁹ ⁵ ¹⁷	♠ A 9 7 6
	♥ A Q 4
	♦ A J 4
	♣ Q 10 8

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

With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

10 9
15 6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 NT by South			

This time SOUTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

SOUTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5

♥ K 6 2

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ 10 6 4

10 2
8
20

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3



♠ K Q 6
♥ A J 10 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

West

North

East

South
2 NT

Pass
2 NT by South

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.