

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ J 10 2
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 10 9 7

9
7 3
21

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♠ 5 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♣ 8 5

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 10 5
♣ J 6 3

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by South			

The 2 NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2 NT.

When NORTH shows

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A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6 NT bid.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 7
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ J 9 8 4

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9 7
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♠ K J 6
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q 10
♣ K Q 10 6 2

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

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

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4â™ .

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 10 4 3

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9 10
6

♠ K J 3
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5



♠ 10 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 2
♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 7 2

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

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2 NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3a™ is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5	♦ 9 7 5 3
♥ 8	♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ Q J 9 7	♦ Q J 6 2
♥ 10 5	♣ A 10 7

♦ Q J 6 2	♣ A 10 7
♣ A 10 7	

6	♠ A 6 3
10 6	♦ A K Q J 7 4 2
18	♦ A 8
	♣ 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥

4 ♥ by South



SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

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If the opening lead is a â™ or a

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then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

♠ A 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ J 10 8 6

♣ A Q 3 2

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11 7
14♠ K 3
♥ AJ 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2â™, SOUTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 7 4**♥ Q 8****♦ 6****♣ J 9 8 3 2****♠ 6 2****♥ 7 4 2****♦ A J 10 8 3 2****♣ K 7****♠ J 9 5****♥ K 9 6 5 3****♦ Q 9****♣ A 6 5****♠ A Q 3****♥ A J 10****♦ K 7 5 4****♣ Q 10 4****West****North****East****South****2 ♦****Pass****2 NT****Pass****3 ♣****Pass****3 NT****Pass****3 NT by South**

SOUTH responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high $\hat{a}^T M$ SOUTH should bid 3 NT.