

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 9 5 4 3
♣ 5 3

15
2 6
17

West

♠ A 7
♥ A 8 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7
♣ Q 10 8

North

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 9 6

*East**South*

Pass

1 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

SOUTH has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

NORTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that SOUTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - SOUTH had 17 points so she bid 6 NT.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4

16
4 5
15

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ A

NORTH definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

SOUTH's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6 NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

3
9 7
21

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2



♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

North

Pass

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, SOUTH opens 2 NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 8 6

♦ J 9 7

♣ Q 9 6

12
7 5
16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3

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♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 6 3

♣ 7 5 3

14
2 4
20

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 5

♦ A 7 4 2

♣ Q J 8



♠ A J 5

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ K Q J

♣ A K 6

North

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 3

♥ A 8 6 4

♦ 10 8 5

♣ 10 9 4 2

South

2 NT

Pass

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 8

♣ J 10 8

8
6 9
17*West*

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q 8 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

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W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 7 4 3

♣ A 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1 NT
NORTH knows that the partnership has a
25 points at most so

he passes again.