

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ J 10
♣ 8 5 4 3

11
5 8
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 9 6 3

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J 7



♠ K Q 10 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 7

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ 8 7 4 3

♣ A K 9 2

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠] .

NORTH has excellent [♠] support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3[♠] , which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 4 3

♥ K 3

♦ 7 4 3

♣ Q J 6

5
8 6
21

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7

♥ 10 6 4

♦ K Q 10 9 6

♣ 10 7 3



♠ A K 6

♥ A J 9

♦ A J 2

♣ A 8 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2TM£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 6 points to SOUTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

2TM£

suit to be useful to NORTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

13
9 10
8

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5



♠ 10 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 7 4



♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 6

North

2 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a normal 1st opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2nd,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

2nd

s,

first because she knows there is a 4th fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ —
♣ 7 6 4 3

18
3 4
15

West

Pass
Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 8



♠ A 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT
Pass

With balanced distribution and 16 points
SOUTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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NORTH's response is based on simple
math. He adds his 18 points to the 15
minimum that SOUTH has announced
and

comes up with 33 points combined. This
is enough for a small slam, and since he
has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ J 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 4 2

20
6 7
7

West

Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6
♥ A 7
♦ A Q 6
♣ A K 7



♠ K 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

North

1 ♠
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
Pass

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1st opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2nd.

SOUTH does not have 3-card st support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.