

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 6 4 3

♠ A T 8

♥ A T 9

♦ K Q T 8

♣ K 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 6 5 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ A 7 6
♣ 5 2

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J T 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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NORTH has a mid-range 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3NT if she has 17.

But NORTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3NT.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ Q J 8 6 3 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ T 9 8

♠ T 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 7 4 3
♥ T 9
♦ J 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q T 8
♣ A J 7 3

West	North	East	South
			2NT

Pass 3NT All Pass

3NT by North

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SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3NT and SOUTH passes.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ A 8 4

♦ 8 7 4

♣ T 9 6 5

♠ K Q 4

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K Q 6 2

♣ K 8 3


 ♠ 7 6 3 2
 ♥ T 7 6 2
 ♦ T 9 3
 ♣ A 4

 ♠ A T 8
 ♥ K J 3
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ Q J 7 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
Pass			

4NT by South

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ Q J 3

♠ T 8 4

♥ Q 7 6

♦ K J 3

♣ K T 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ A J T 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ Q T 7 6
♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2NT by North

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SOUTH has a minimum 1NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.