

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ 4

8
10 9
13

♠ 10 9 5

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ K J 7 2

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

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

SOUTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH 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).

SOUTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 6 2
 ♥ K Q 7 5
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 10 7 4

11
6 13
10

West North East South
 2 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ by East

♠ 8
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ A K Q 10 6 2
 ♣ J 5 2

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♠ K Q 10 7 3
 ♥ A 4 2
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ A 6

♠ A 5 4
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ K Q 9 8 3

EAST has a normal 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

WEST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 \hat{a} TM,

passed by EAST.

WEST does not consider showing the

\hat{a} TM Y

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first because she knows there is a \hat{a} TM fit, and second because she doesn't have

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

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 6 ♥ J 10 8 4 3 ♦ — ♣ 7 6 4 3	♠ K J 4 ♥ K Q 9 2 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ K 10 8
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♠ 10 5 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2 ♣ A 9 2
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♠ A 8 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 9 6 4 ♣ Q J 5
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass 6 NT by South	<i>North</i> 6 NT	<i>East</i> Pass	<i>South</i> 1 NT Pass
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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 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

6
7 20
7

♠ 8 3
♥ J 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 4 2



♠ Q J 10 9 6
♥ A 7
♦ A Q 6
♣ A K 7

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 10 6 3

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

EAST is right at the maximum for a 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 \hat{a} TM£.

WEST does not have 3-card \hat{a} TM support but with 7 points must make some response.

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

EAST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.