

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

3 NT by South

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

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

But SOUTH 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

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8

♥ K J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ T 7 6 2

♦ T 9 3

♣ A 4



♠ 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

West North East South

Pass Pass 1NT

Pass 4NT

4NT by North

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.