

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A K 9
None Vul	♥ A K 2
	♦ A 8 3
	♣ A J 7 4
♠ Q 6 4	♠ J 10 5 3
♥ Q J 9 8 3	♥ 10 6
♦ K 9 5	♦ Q 10 7
♣ 6 2	♣ K Q 10 8
	♠ 8 7 2
	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 6 4 2
	♣ 9 5 3



West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
2 NT by North			

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ K 7 3
None Vul	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ 10 9 8 6
	♣ 5 4 2
♠ 10 6 4	♠ Q J 9 5
♥ 6 4	♥ J 10 9 3
♦ A 5 3	♦ 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6 3	♣ J 7

5	♠ A 8 2
8 5	♥ A K 7 5
22	♦ K Q J
	♣ K Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

♦

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 10 9 7 2

22
5 6
7

♠ K 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

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♠ Q J 10 7 2
♥ A 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♣.

NORTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

SOUTH does NOT rebid the ♠s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

4	♠ K Q 2
8 6	♦ A K Q 7 5
22	♦ A 7 2
	♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
4 ♥ by South			



♠ 10 9 7 5	♦ 6
♦ K 10 5 3	♣ Q J 9 5

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

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SOUTH now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

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NORTH likes

♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

♥

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Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ K 10 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

26
 5 5
 4
 ♣ 9 5 3

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

♠ A J 8 7
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A K Q J

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

N
W E
S

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

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NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 6 4 2
None Vul	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 7 2
	♣ 8 6 5 3

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



1	♠ A 7 3
11 8	♥ A K Q 8 6 2
20	♦ 8 6
	♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

♥

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NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

25
 3 5
 7
 ♠ 4 2
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 7 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

♠ A K 6 3
 ♥ A K 8 2
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q

♠ J 10 8 5
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 10 9 8 6

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NORTH has a nice 2♣ opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

♥

suit.

NORTH likes

♥

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

♥

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Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ J 3 2

♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

12
2 4
22

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 6
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 6 5

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N
W E
S

Deal 9
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

22
 4 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ A K J 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ 8 6

♠ 5 4
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ 9 5 4
 ♣ A J 10 9 7

♠ A J 10 7 2
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ Q 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has a minimum 2♣ opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♦.

NORTH shows the ♠ support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4♦ which NORTH passes.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

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

8	♠ A Q 9
4 6	♥ A K 2
22	♦ A 8 3

N
W
E
S

♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ K Q 10 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			

SOUTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2♣, expecting to rebid 2 NT.

But NORTH responds a positive 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

SOUTH bids what his hand is worth, 3 NT and NORTH passes.

Deal 11

North Deals	♠ A K 9
None Vul	♥ A J 8 2
	♦ A 6
	♣ A K 9 3

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



23	♠ Q J 7 2
4 8	♥ Q 10 7 5
5	♦ 7 2
	♣ 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

NORTH opens 2♣ and SOUTH responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

NORTH bids 2 NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

SOUTH has enough points to bid 3 NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3♣ Stayman instead. NORTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2 NT rebid.

So NORTH shows her 4-card

♥

suit and SOUTH bids 4

♥

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Deal 12
 South Deals
 None Vul

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



♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 9 8 6

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A Q 7 4

West	North	East	South
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2 ♣

Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

NORTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2 NT to SOUTH's 2♣ opening bid.

SOUTH bids 3 NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6 NT.

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ A K Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ A K 10 8 2
	♦ A
	♣ 8 6
♠ J 5 3	♠ 10 9 4
♥ J 6	♥ Q 4
♦ K J 9 8 3	♦ 10 6 5
♣ K 4 2	♣ A J 10 7 5



20	♠ 7 2
9 7	♥ 9 7 5 3
4	♦ Q 7 4 2
	♣ Q 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

NORTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2♣.

SOUTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

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NORTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♠.

SOUTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2 NT.

NORTH now shows her second suit, 3

♥

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SOUTH is happy to bid the game in

♥

s.

Deal 14
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 9 4 3

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2 4
23

♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 4 3
♣ A 8 7 6 5

♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2♣ and expects to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

♦

s she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3 NT.

NORTH bids 6 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

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

25	♠ A 10 9 7 2
4 3	♥ 9 7 5
8	♦ 8 5 2
	♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by North			



♠ Q J 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 2

pass

pass

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

NORTH bids her

♥

s and SOUTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

♥

bid.

NORTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that SOUTH

holds two Aces she bids

6 NT. She could also have bid 6

♥

but 6 NT scores a little more.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A 4 3
♣ J 7 2

5
7 6
22

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3

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♠ 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ 10 9 8 5

♠ A K Q 10 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

♦

to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid.

SOUTH bids his 5-card ♠ suit.

NORTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports SOUTH's ♠.

SOUTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4♠.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

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



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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
6 NT by South			

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2 NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6 NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7 NT. But he doesn't.

Deal 18

South Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ A 6 4
 ♥ 10 9 6 4
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ Q 5 3



6
 7 3
24

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	ALL	Pass

6 ♥ by North

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Deal 19
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 3
 ♥ J 9 7 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ J 4 2

22
2 4
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 8 7
 ♥ A K Q 2
 ♦ A K J 6
 ♣ 6

♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7

♠ A J 10 5
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ K Q 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♣ by South

After NORTH's 2♣ opening, SOUTH bids 2 NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. SOUTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

NORTH's 3♣ bid is Stayman, asking SOUTH for a 4-card Major. SOUTH mentions his ♠s and

NORTH bids 4♣, showing a minimum 2♣ opener with 4 ♠s.

Now SOUTH adds his 12 points to NORTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6♣.

Deal 20

South Deals	♠ 2
None Vul	♥ Q J 5 2
	♦ 9 8 7 2
	♣ 10 7 6 3
♠ J 8 5	♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 4
♦ A Q J 3	♦ K 5 4
♣ Q 4 2	♣ K J 9 8 5
10 3 20 7	♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ A K 10 9 6 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

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to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid,

then bids 3♣ as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2♠.

However, when SOUTH then bids

♥

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

♥

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Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ J 6 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

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6 4
8

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 6 3
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ 10 6

♠ K J 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

NORTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But SOUTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so NORTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since NORTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

Deal 22
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 10 2
♣ K J 9 8 5



6
5 6
23

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 7 4

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 10 9 7
♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ A Q J 2
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	ALL	Pass
4 ♣ by South			

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Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ K 4

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 8 6 2

♦ 9 3

♣ J 6 2



♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 10 3
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 8 7

22
4 3
11

♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 5 3

West North East South

2 ♣ Pass 2 NT

Pass 4 ♣ Pass 4 ♠

Pass 5 ♣ Pass 5 ♥

Pass 7 NT ALL Pass

7 NT by South

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Deal 24South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 4
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ 10 7 5 2

7
 5 6
22



♠ 8
 ♥ A K Q 5
 ♦ A K 7 2
 ♣ K Q J 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6♦ by North			

♠ 9 7 3
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
 ♣ A 4

♠ K Q 6 5 2
 ♥ J 9 7 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 9 8 6

When SOUTH opens 2♣ NORTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is



s, she must jump to 3



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SOUTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that NORTH holds one Ace.

That's all NORTH needs to know to bid 6

