

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6 3

♠ T 9 2

♥ A 8 7 4 3

♦ 3

♣ A K 9 2



♠ 4

♥ Q T 9 5
♦ K Q T 8
♣ Q T 8 4

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ J 5

West	North	East	South
			3♠

Pass 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH assumes her partner can win six tricks. So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

ruff also.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ A K Q 4 2

♦ J T 7 4

♣ 8 7

♠ Q 9

♥ J 7 5

♦ A 9 6

♣ A Q J 4 2



♠ J T 3

♥ T 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ T 9 3

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

4 ♠ by North

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SOUTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 .

NORTH naturally bids 2 and SOUTH rebids the suit.

NORTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4

Board 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ A T 9 8

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ K J 4

♣ K Q J 4

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♠ K 9 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 8 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

West North East South
3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

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NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.

Board 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ J 4 2
♦ T
♣ Q 7 3

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT

6NT by South

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

.
There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ A Q T 7
♣ K J T 2

♠ K J 6

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

	N		E
W			S

♠ T 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .