

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8
♥ A 7 5
♦ Q 5 4
♣ J 10 8 7 2

17
7 10
6

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ J 6
♥ K Q 10 8 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH's 2

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raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

6
12 15
7

West

♠ K 8 6 5
♥ Q J 7 3 2
♦ —
♣ 9 7 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 3 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 8 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 2

North

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A J 6

*East**South*

1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by East

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, WEST knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K Q J 9 6 3
♣ Q 4

14
11 9
6

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 6 4
♥ A 9 5
♦ 8 2
♣ A K 6 3



♠ K 10 7 3
♥ K 6
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 8 5 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1st opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

1st

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major 1st suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four 1sts, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening

bid she merely raises to 2nd.

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6
 ♥ A K Q 7 2
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ 6 4

9
 16 6
 9

West

1 ♥

3 ♥

3 ♥ by West

♠ K 4 3

♥ 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 6 2

♣ A Q 3



♠ A 10 9 8 2

♥ J 6

♦ Q J

♣ J 10 9 7

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

With 17 points WEST is not strong enough to insist on game after EAST's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

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bid.

EAST, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 5 3
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 4 2

17
 6 8
 9

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6



♠ 10 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5

North

1 NT

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.