

Board 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ T 8 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ A 8 2

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ T 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

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

3 NT by North

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NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Board 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 3 2
 ♥ J T 8 6
 ♦ K T 9 8
 ♣ A 5 4

♠ T 8 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 5
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ 7 3 2
 ♣ 7 6 2

♠ A 9 7 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ Q T 8

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

3 NT by South

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With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3NT.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 9 7 6 5
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ A T 6

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J 2

♣ K T 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ T 8 4

♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 9 8 7 5

♥ Q J T 4

♦ Q 3

♣ A 2

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1NT

East

Pass

South

2NT

2NT by South

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This time NORTH has a minimum 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2NT bid.

NORTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K 7 6
♦ T 6 5 3
♣ A T 6 4

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3



♠ T 9 5 3

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K 9 8 7

♣ Q

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J T 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

West

North

East

South

2NT

All Pass

2NT by South

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SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.