

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 6 5

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ A 3

9  
8 6  
17

♠ 10 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5



♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K 10 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6

♠ Q

♥ A 8 5 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ 10 8 7 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

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

SOUTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 3  
 ♥ Q J 9  
 ♦ Q 9 2  
 ♣ Q 10 7 5

14  
 7 5  
 14

♠ K J 8 4

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K 9 3



♠ A Q 10 6

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ A 8 2

♠ 7 2

♥ 10 8 6 3

♦ K J 10 3

♣ J 6 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

With two 4-card Majors NORTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding

1<sup>TM</sup> ♣

s first.

Then, after SOUTH bids 1<sup>TM</sup>, NORTH has enough points to jump all the way to 4<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 5 8  
 16

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 9 6 3

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J 7



♠ K Q 10 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 10 6

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1<sup>â™™</sup>.

NORTH has excellent <sup>â™™</sup> support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3<sup>â™™</sup>, which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 4 3

♥ K 3

♦ 7 4 3

♣ Q J 6

5  
8 6  
21

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7

♥ 10 6 4

♦ K Q 10 9 6

♣ 10 7 3



♠ A K 6

♥ A J 9

♦ A J 2

♣ A 8 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2<sup>TM</sup>£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 6 points to SOUTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

2<sup>TM</sup>£

suit to be useful to NORTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.