

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ K 9 3
♦ T 8 7 3
♣ K 5 3

♠ K Q T 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7

♥ J T 8 5 2
♦ J 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

♠ A 9 6 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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

to open 1 .

SOUTH has excellent support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 9 6

♠ 8 7
♥ T 6 4
♦ K Q T 9 6
♣ T 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2

♠ J T 4 2
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 bid.

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

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

good

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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 7

♥ T 5 3

♦ A T 9 4 2

♣ Q 4

♠ T 9 5

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ K J 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 4 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 7 5

♣ A 8 6 3

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K Q 8 2

♦ K 6

♣ T 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥

Pass 1NT All Pass

1 NT by North

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SOUTH has a solid 1

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1NT (6-10 points).

SOUTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ 8 6 3
♦ K J T 6
♣ K Q 9 8 3

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ T 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5 4
♥ J T 9
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q T 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♠ by North

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SOUTH has a normal 1 opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 ,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

s,

first because she knows there is a fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 5
♥ J 6 4
♦ T 7
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ A 8 3

♥ A 7

♦ K J 9 6 4

♣ Q J 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 2
♥ T 8 5 3
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K T 8

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH
should open 1NT rather than 1

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6NT.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 2

♥ K J 5 4 3 2

♦ 7 4

♣ T 3

♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K J T 9

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ K 4

♥ Q T 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

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

3NT by North

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NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

SOUTH does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.