Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 5
♡ 8 6 4
◇ K Q 8 6
♣ 10 8 7

♠ J 10 3　　　　　♠ 9 7 4
♡ 10 9　　　　　　♡ Q J 7 5 2
◇ 7 5 3 2　　　　◇ J 10 9
♣ A 6 3 2　　　　♣ J 5

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      N
    W   E
      S
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7
5　5
　23

♠ A K 8 2
♡ A K 3
◇ A 4
♣ K Q 9 4

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ◇. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 2
♡ Q 5 3
♢ 8 6 4
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 6 3
♡ 10 9 2
♢ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 4
♡ J 8 7 4
♢ 10 3
♣ Q J 6

2
6   9
23

♠ K Q 5
♡ A K 6
♢ A K 9 2
♣ A 10 8

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♢	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2 ♢ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4 ♠). So you pass.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ Q 6 5	
	♡ 8 6 4	
	◊ Q 9 8 6	
	♣ 10 8 7	

♠ J 10 3		♠ 9 7 4
♡ 10 9	N	♡ Q J 7 5 2
◊ 5 4 3 2	W E	◊ J 10 7
♣ A 6 3 2	S	♣ J 5

	♠ A K 8 2
	♡ A K 3
	◊ A K
	♣ K Q 9 4

4
5   5
26

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ◊	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ◊. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 2
♡ Q 5 3
◇ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 4

♠ 6 3
♡ 10 9 2
◇ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 4
♡ J 8 7 4
◇ 10 3
♣ Q 7 6

♠ K Q 5
♡ A K 6
◇ A K 9 2
♣ A 10 8

4
6 7
23

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2 ◇ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.