

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q J 3

♠ 9 2
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ A 7 4

7
5 9
19

West

North

East

South

Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by North			



SOUTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1â™.

SOUTH now knows that â™'s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4â™.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 3**♥ 7 5 4****♦ Q 7****♣ A K 6 4****8
9 16
7****♠ 8
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ K 10 8 5 3****♣ J 7 2**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 3****♠ A 5 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 5***West**North**East**South***2 ♠**

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

EAST has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 \hat{a} TM rather than 1 NT.

WEST isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 \hat{a} TM.

EAST has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 \hat{a} TM.

WEST has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5

♥ 10 8 7 4 3

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 7 3

12
4 4
20

♠ Q 10 8

♥ A J 6

♦ K 10 9 3

♣ Q 10 5



♠ A 7 6 4 2

♥ 9 2

♦ 6 4 2

♣ 9 8 6

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 5

♦ A Q J

♣ K J 4 2

West

North

East

South
2 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

SOUTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

NORTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites SOUTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point SOUTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 5
♥ K Q 2
♦ A 8 7
♣ K Q J 3

8
15 9
8

♠ A Q 8
♥ 8 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 6 4
♣ 9 6

W N E S
♠ J 10 4
♥ A J 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 8 7 2

♠ K 7 3 2
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ J 2
♣ A 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 NT by West			

WEST opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

EAST, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite WEST to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

WEST doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ 10 9 8 5

♣ J 10 6

9
8 5
18

♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

♠ 6 4 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 9 8 3

♠ Q 10 8 2

♥ A K

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q 5

West North East South

1 ♣

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1♦.

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1♦.

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ 9 8 5

6
7 21
6

♠ 7 6
♥ J 6 5 3
♦ A 7
♣ J 10 7 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

♠ A 10 9 8 2
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

EAST has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

WEST knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.