

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7

♥ J 10 2

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 10 9 7

9  
7 3  
21

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

♠ 8 6 3 2

♥ Q 9 5 4

♦ 10 5

♣ J 6 3

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by South

The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

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A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6 NT bid.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ 10 9 7  
♦ A K J 7 3  
♣ J 9 8 4

15  
9 7  
9

*West*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 6  
♥ A Q J 4 2  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 7 5 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ 7 3

*North*

2 NT  
4 ♠

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

2 ♠  
3 ♥  
Pass

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4â™¥.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2  
 ♥ 10 9 8 7  
 ♦ K Q J 5  
 ♣ K 10 4 3

15  
 9 10  
 6

♠ K J 3  
 ♥ A Q J 4 2  
 ♦ 9 6 4  
 ♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 8 6 4  
 ♥ 5 3  
 ♦ 8 7 3  
 ♣ 7 2

♠ 10 7 5  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ A 10 2  
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

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

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2 NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3<sup>rd</sup> is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 6 2

♣ A 10 7

6  
10 6  
18

West

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

North

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

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If the opening lead is a ♠ or a

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then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 6  
♥ 10 5 4  
♦ J 10 8 6  
♣ A Q 3 2

8  
11 7  
14

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

♠ Q J 10 7 4 2  
♥ K Q 7 2  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 9



♠ K 3  
♥ A J 9 6 3  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ 8 6 4

♠ 9 8 5  
♥ 8  
♦ K 9 4 3  
♣ K J 10 7 5

Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2<sup>â™™</sup>, SOUTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

**Deal 6**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 7 4  
♥ Q 8  
♦ 6  
♣ J 9 8 3 2

8  
6 10  
16

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J 10 8 3 2

♣ K 7



♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 10

♦ K 7 5 4

♣ Q 10 4

♠ J 9 5

♥ K 9 6 5 3

♦ Q 9

♣ A 6 5

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

2 ♦

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  SOUTH should bid 3 NT.