

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ A 7 4

7  
5 9  
19

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by North

♠ K 10 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3



♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K 10 6 2

North

1♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♦

4♠

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

with 1

1<sup>TM</sup>

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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 1<sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH now knows that 1<sup>TM</sup>s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 5 2  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ Q 10 8 5

9  
7 8  
16

♠ 10 9 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A K 6 4



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

♠ 8  
♥ A 9 6 3  
♦ K 10 8 5 3  
♣ J 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1♠<sup>TM</sup> rather than 1 NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2♠<sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3♠<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4♠<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 6 4 2  
 ♥ 9 2  
 ♦ 6 4 2  
 ♣ 9 8 6

20  
 4 4  
 12

West

Pass

4 NT by North

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



♠ Q 10 8  
 ♥ A J 6  
 ♦ K 10 9 3  
 ♣ Q 10 5

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT

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

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

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

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

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8  
 ♥ 8 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 4  
 ♣ 9 6

9  
 8 8  
 15

♠ J 10 4  
 ♥ A J 6  
 ♦ K 5 3  
 ♣ 10 8 7 2



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

♠ 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 South			

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

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

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

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

**Deal 5**

South 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



♠ Q 10 8 2  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ 7 6 4  
 ♣ A K Q 5

♠ 6 4 3  
 ♥ Q J 10 5  
 ♦ Q 3 2  
 ♣ 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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<sup>st</sup> ♣.

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1<sup>st</sup> ♠.

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3<sup>rd</sup> ♠ and NORTH bids the game.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 8 2  
 ♥ 10 9 4  
 ♦ 8 4 2  
 ♣ Q 6

7  
 6 6  
 21

♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ A 7 2  
 ♦ K 10 6 5  
 ♣ 9 8 5



♠ K Q J  
 ♥ K Q 8  
 ♦ Q J 9 3  
 ♣ A K 2

♠ 7 6  
 ♥ J 6 5 3  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ J 10 7 4 3

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

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

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

slam so she just bids 3 NT.