

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 10 4 3

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9 10
6

♠ K J 3
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5

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♠ 10 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 2
♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 7 2

West North East South
Pass 2 NT Pass 2 ♠
Pass Pass Pass 3 ♠
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 3a™ is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

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

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 â™ or a

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then SOUTH

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

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

♠ A 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ J 10 8 6

♣ A Q 3 2

8
11 7
14♠ K 3
♥ AJ 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

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

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 2â™, SOUTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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



♠ J 9 5
♥ K 9 6 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ A 6 5

♠ A Q 3
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

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 ♠, SOUTH should bid 3 NT.