

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

9
10 6
15

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4



♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

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

This time SOUTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

SOUTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 10 6 4

2
10 8
20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

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♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

♠ 9 8 3
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ A Q

South

2 NT

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 6 5 2

9
6 9
16

West

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 10 8



♠ A 10 8
♥ A 10 9
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ K 9 7

North

♠ J 9 5
♥ K J 8 5 4
♦ 6 5
♣ A 4 3

*East**South*

Pass

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

NORTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking SOUTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But SOUTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

8
 7 5
 20

♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6



♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3

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

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

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6

16
4 5
15

♠ A 10 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2



♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4

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

Deal 6

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

9
10 6
15

♠ 10 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K 10 5 2



♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ A 9 7

♠ K J 6 3 2
♥ J 9 3
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 6

<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 has a minimum 1 NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2 NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.