

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 4 2
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ Q 5 3
 ♣ 9 6 3

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q T

♦ A J 7

♣ Q T 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 5
 ♥ 7 6 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 4 2
 ♣ A 5

♠ A 7
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ K T 6
 ♣ K J 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

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NORTH has a great 1NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

SOUTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that NORTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4NT, expecting NORTH to bid 6NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - NORTH had 17 points so she bid 6NT.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 3

♣ A 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8

♠ Q

♥ T 8 7 2

♦ J T 9 7 6 4

♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

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WEST definitely does NOT have a balanced hand.

She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

EAST's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 6 5
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A T 3

♠ K 8 3

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 4 2
 ♥ Q T 8 4
 ♦ T 8
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q J T
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ A K 6 2
 ♣ K Q J

West North East South

Pass 2NT

All Pass

2NT by South

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With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution, SOUTH opens 2NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes 2NT.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

♠ Q J T 9

♥ Q J T

♦ J 9 8

♣ T 9 8



♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3

♠ 8 7 6

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ Q T 7

♣ Q J 6

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

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This is an easy one to bid.

WEST has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1NT.

EAST has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ T 5 3

♠ A J 5

♥ Q T 9 3

♦ K Q J

♣ A K 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ T 5
♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ Q J 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

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Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here SOUTH has 14 points. So when NORTH opens 2NT, showing 20 or 21 points SOUTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6NT.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 8 4 3

♥ T 6

♦ A J 9 5

♣ J T 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ A 6 2

♠ J T 9 2
♥ A J 7 5 2
♦ T 8
♣ K 9

West North East South

Pass Pass 1NT All Pass

1 NT by East

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WEST cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when EAST opens 1NT WEST knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.