

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ 8 7 2
None Vul	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 6 4 2
	♣ 9 5 3
♠ J 10 5 3	♠ Q 6 4
♥ 10 6	♥ Q J 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 7	♦ K 9 5
♣ K Q 10 8	♣ 6 2



	♠ A K 9		
1	♥ A K 2		
8 8	♦ A 8 3		
23	♣ A J 7 4		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 NT
2 NT by South			

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2TM♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

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SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ K 7 3
None Vul	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ 10 9 8 6
	♣ 5 4 2
♠ 10 6 4	♠ Q J 9 5
♥ 6 4	♥ J 10 9 3
♦ A 5 3	♦ 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6 3	♣ J 7

♠ A 8 2
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q 10

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2 \hat{a} TM£.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

\hat{a} TM!

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ J 6 3

♣ J 8

6 7
22

♠ Q J 10 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3


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

 ♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8
 ♣ A K 4

West North East South

 Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♣
 Pass 3 NT Pass 2 NT

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH opens 2 \hat{a} TM with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card \hat{a} TM suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the \hat{a} TMs; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

4	8 6	22
♠	♦	♦
K Q 2	A K Q 7 5	A 7 2
♣ A 10		

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
4 ♥ by South			

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♠ 10 9 7 5	♥ 6	♦ K 10 5 3
♣ Q J 9 5		

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

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SOUTH now shows a

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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NORTH likes

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 5 3
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ 10 6

4
5
26

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 9 5 3



♠ 9 4
♥ Q 6 4
♦ K 10 7 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ A J 8 7
♥ A K
♦ A 8 6
♣ A K Q J

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

SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact.
She opens 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

\hat{a}^{TM}

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SOUTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 6 4 2
None Vul	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ J 7 2
	♣ 8 6 5 3
♠ K J 10 9 8	♠ Q 5
♥ J 3	♥ 10 9
♦ A 4 3	♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ Q 7 2	♣ J 10 9 4

♠ A 7 3
 11 8
 20



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

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SOUTH bids his suit, 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

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NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

, and NORTH passes.