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Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 4

♦ J T 3

♣ 8 7 6

♠ Q J 4

♥ A K

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q J T 5 2



♠ 7 3

♥ J T 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 8 2

♣ 9 4

♠ K T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ A Q 5 4

♣ A K 3

West North East South

Pass

1NT

Pass

6NT

Pass

6NT by South

Board 2East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 7 4
 ♥ Q J 5
 ♦ K J T
 ♣ A 7 4 3

♠ A 6 3 2

♥ T 6 4 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 6 5

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♠ Q J 9
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ K Q 8

♠ T 8 5
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ 9 7 6 4
 ♣ J T 2

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

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The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is WEST who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when EAST indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2NT bid she KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

to 6NT.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 4
 ♥ T 7 2
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ Q 8 4

♠ 8 5 3

♥ K 9 6

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 9 6 5



♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 8 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ A T 3 2

♠ A T 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ K Q J T
 ♣ K J 7

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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 SOUTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2NT.

NORTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3NT.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 5
♥ T 7 4 3
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ K Q

♠ T 9 3 2

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ J 7 6

♣ 6 3



♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q
♣ A J T 7 4

West North East South
1NT Pass 6NT All Pass

6NT by East

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This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

EAST has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when WEST opens 1NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so EAST

GOES

to 6NT.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ T 8 4 2

♣ A J

♠ K J 9

♥ A Q

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K T 4



♠ Q 7 4

♥ K J 9 7 4

♦ 6

♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ T 6 3

♥ T 8 5

♦ A 7 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

West North East South

Pass

2NT

Pass

South

All Pass

3NT by South

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NORTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2NT.

SOUTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3NT.

$$(20 + 6 = 26) \quad (21 + 6 = 27)$$

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ T 7 5 2

♠ 7 6 4

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K 6 5 2

♣ A 9 6



♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q T 8
♣ K Q J

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by East

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After WEST passes initially, EAST opens 1NT.

With 9 points, WEST has invitational strength, so he says 2NT.

EAST has a small problem - WEST's bid tells her to bid 3NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.