

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3

15
7 9
9

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
2 NT by North

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With 4-3-3-3 distribution and 15 points this hand qualifies for a 1 NT opening. You bid 1 NT and partner raises to 2 NT.

Partner's 2 NT bid invites you to bid 3 NT if you are at the top of your 15-17 point range. Since you have only 15 points you decline the invitation.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ Q J 8 5
 ♣ K 8 3

6
 9 16
 9

♠ K 6 2
 ♥ 10 9 6 5
 ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ J 2

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | 1 NT | Pass |
| 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 3 NT by East | | | |

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

This hand has 17 points and one of the balanced distributions. When you have a hand that meets the requirements you should open 1 NT. Do not worry about the lack of a ♦ stopper, you don't have to have all the suits stopped to open 1 NT. You bid 1 NT and partner raises to 2 NT. What do you bid next?

You should count on partner for 9 points for his invitation. Your 17 brings the total to 26 so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9 7
15

West

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

North

East

South

Pass
Pass
3 NT by South

1 NT

3 NT

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

Of course you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 NT. What do you say?

With 15 points you decline invitations, and with 17 points you accept. But with 16 you have to use your judgement. Some players will just automatically bid 3 NT when they have 16 points, preferring to err on the side of boldness than to possibly miss bidding a makeable game. Others prefer to base their decision on how good the hand looks.

With all the Ts and 9s this hand is stronger than 16 points, so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10 5
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 9 8

5
15 16
4

West *North* *East* *South*
1 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
Pass Pass
4 NT by West

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT. Again. This time partner jumps to 4 NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is not Blackwood. It is called a Quantitative 4 NT and he is telling you he has a balanced 16-17 point hand. He is inviting you to bid 6 NT.

With 17 you accept invitations, with 15 you decline. You have 15 so you pass.

As you see, there are 9 easy tricks and you can probably set up another. But you have no chance to make slam.

Deal 5

North Deals ♠ A 7 4
N-S Vul ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10 ♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ J 3 2 ♥ 10 9 6
♦ 10 9 3 2 ♦ A J 8
♣ K 8 3 ♣ A 5 4



 ♠ K 9 3
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ K 6 5
 ♣ 10 9 7 2

15
7 9

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ K 9 3

♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3

♥ K 7 4

♦ Q J 8 5

♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4

♥ A Q

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5

6
9 16
9

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ A 6 2

♣ J 2

Deal 7

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| South Deals | ♠ 8 6 5 |
| Both Vul | ♥ K 8 4 |
| | ♦ Q J 9 5 |
| | ♣ K 8 3 |
| ♠ K 9 7 3 | ♠ A 4 2 |
| ♥ J 7 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 5 |
| ♦ A 4 2 | ♦ K 6 3 |
| ♣ J 2 | ♣ 7 6 4 |

N
W E
S

9
9 7
15

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5



♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ A 7 4
E-W Vul ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10 ♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ J 3 2 ♥ 10 9 6
♦ 10 9 3 2 ♦ A J 8
♣ K 8 3 ♣ A 5 4



 ♠ K 9 3
 15 ♥ K 7 4
 7 ♦ K 6 5
 9 ♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9 7
15

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 9 8

5
15 16
4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4
♥ 10
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ J 6 3

Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

15
7 9
9

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ K 9 3

♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3

♥ K 7 4

♦ Q J 8 5

♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4

♥ A Q

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5

6
9 16
9

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ A 6 2

♣ J 2

Deal 15

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| South Deals | ♠ 8 6 5 |
| N-S Vul | ♥ K 8 4 |
| | ♦ Q J 9 5 |
| | ♣ K 8 3 |
| ♠ K 9 7 3 | ♠ A 4 2 |
| ♥ J 7 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 5 |
| ♦ A 4 2 | ♦ K 6 3 |
| ♣ J 2 | ♣ 7 6 4 |

N
W E
S

9
9 7
15

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5



♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

15
7 9
9

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 19

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| South Deals | ♠ 8 6 5 |
| E-W Vul | ♥ K 8 4 |
| | ♦ Q J 9 5 |
| | ♣ K 8 3 |
| ♠ K 9 7 3 | ♠ A 4 2 |
| ♥ J 7 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 5 |
| ♦ A 4 2 | ♦ K 6 3 |
| ♣ J 2 | ♣ 7 6 4 |

N
W E
S

9
9 7
15

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W S E

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 21

| | |
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| North Deals | ♠ A 7 4 |
| N-S Vul | ♥ A Q 8 5 |
| | ♦ Q 7 4 |
| | ♣ Q J 6 |
| ♠ Q J 10 | ♠ 8 6 5 2 |
| ♥ J 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 |
| ♦ 10 9 3 2 | ♦ A J 8 |
| ♣ K 8 3 | ♣ A 5 4 |
| 15 7 9 | ♠ K 9 3 |
| | ♥ K 7 4 |
| | ♦ K 6 5 |
| | ♣ 10 9 7 2 |



Deal 22

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9
♣ J 2

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2



♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

9
9 7
15

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8



♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ A 7 4
E-W Vul ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10 ♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ J 3 2 ♥ 10 9 6
♦ 10 9 3 2 ♦ A J 8
♣ K 8 3 ♣ A 5 4



 ♠ K 9 3
 15 ♥ K 7 4
 7 ♦ K 6 5
 9 ♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

9
9 7
15

Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

5
15 16
4

♠ 9 8 7 6 4
♥ 10
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ J 6 3

Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

15
7 9
9

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

6
9 16
9

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 31 ♠ 8 6 5
South Deals ♥ K 8 4
N-S Vul ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 8 3
♠ K 9 7 3 ♠ A 4 2
♥ J 7 3 2 ♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ A 4 2 ♦ K 6 3
♣ J 2 ♣ 7 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

9
9 7
15

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W S E

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

15
7 9
9

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9 7
15

N
W S E

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W S E

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4