

Board 1

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	3NT
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.

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

Board 2

West Deals

N-S 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6NT by South

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

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

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

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 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

	N	♠ K 8
W	E	♥ A K 5
	S	♦ A 8

♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2
♥ J 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

6NT by East

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EAST 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

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

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