

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 9 5 4 3
♣ 5 3

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<p>♠ A 7 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ K J 7 4 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ J 7 5 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 9 6</p>

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7
♣ Q 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 NT
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a great 1 NT 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 4 NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4

16
4 5
15

N
W E
S

♠ K 8
♥ A K 5
♦ A 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2
♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

West North East South
Pass 6 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass
6 NT by South

NORTH 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

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

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

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

3
9 7
21

♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

	N	
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	S	

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

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

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

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 2 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6	♦ Q J 9 8 6	♥ J 9 7	♣ Q 9 6
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12	7	5	16

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			1 NT
3 NT by South			



♠ K 5 3	♦ K 5 3	♥ K 5 3	♣ K 7 5 3
♠ Q 10 9 8 7	♦ 10 7	♥ Q 10 8	♣ J 10 8
♠ A 4 2	♦ A 4 2	♥ A 6 4 2	♣ A 4 2

This is an easy one to bid.

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

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

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.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 7 5 3

14
2 **4**
20

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ A 7 4 2
 ♣ Q J 8



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

♠ A J 5
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A K 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

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

bid according to that answer.

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

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

Deal 6

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



8
6 9
17

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ A 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 NT by South

NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

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

he passes again.