Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ A K 9	
	♡ A K 2	
	◊ A 8 3	
	♣ A J 7 4	

♠ Q 6 4		♠ J 10 5 3
♡ Q J 9 8 3	N	♡ 10 6
◊ K 9 5	W E	◊ Q 10 7
♣ 6 2	S	♣ K Q 10 8

	♠ 8 7 2	
	♡ 7 5 4	
	◊ J 6 4 2	
	♣ 9 5 3	

23
8   8
1

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ◊
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2 NT by North

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

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH 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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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

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

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ K 7 3
              ♡ Q 8 2
              ◇ 10 9 8 6
              ♣ 5 4 2
♠ 10 6 4              ♠ Q J 9 5
♡ 6 4         N        ♡ J 10 9 3
◇ A 5 3    W   E       ◇ 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6 3    S       ♣ J 7
              ♠ A 8 2
              ♡ A K 7 5
              ◇ K Q J
              ♣ K Q 10
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8   5
  22

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♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

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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
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

♠ 8 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 10 9 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ J 6 3
♣ J 8

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by North

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♠ .

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

SOUTH does NOT rebid the ♠ s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

	North	
	♠ A 3	
	♥ 10 9 8 2	
	♦ 9 8 6	
	♣ 8 7 6 4	

West		East
♠ J 8 6 4	N	♠ 10 9 7 5
♥ J 4 3	W E	♥ 6
♦ Q J 4	S	♦ K 10 5 3
♣ K 3 2		♣ Q J 9 5

	South	
	♠ K Q 2	
	♥ A K Q 7 5	
	♦ A 7 2	
	♣ A 10	

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8   6
22

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

4 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2â™£.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

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SOUTH now shows a

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suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

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NORTH likes

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

bids 4

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