

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9
♥ J 7 5
♦ A 9 6
♣ A Q J 4 2

14 7
9 10

♠ 5 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 7 4
♣ 10 9 7 3

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♠ A K 8 7 6 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 3
♣ K 6 5

♠ J 10 4
♥ A Q 10 9 2
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ 8

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| 4 ♣ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 4 ♠ by East | | | |

EAST's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1♦.

WEST naturally bids 2♦ and EAST rebids the ♦ suit.

WEST always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4♦.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

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| ♠ A 9 4 | ♠ Q J 8 3 | | |
| ♥ K 9 2 | ♥ 10 6 | | |
| ♦ A 10 8 2 | ♦ K J 4 | | |
| ♣ 10 3 2 | ♣ K Q J 4 | | |
| | ♠ K 10 7 2 | | |
| | ♥ 4 | | |
| | ♦ Q 6 3 | | |
| | ♣ A 9 8 7 6 | | |
| | ♠ 6 5 | | |
| 13 11 9 7 | ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3 | | |
| | ♦ 9 7 5 | | |
| | ♣ 5 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| 3 ♥ by South | | | |

NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |
| 6 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 6 NT by West | | | |

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ J 10 2
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 10 9 7

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♠ 5 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♣ 8 5

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 10 5
♣ J 6 3

The 2 NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal WEST has a huge hand and EAST opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches WEST might try, but the simplest is to start with 2 NT.

When EAST shows

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A K Q x x x WEST has an easy 6 NT bid.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 7 3

♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ K Q 10 6 2



♠ K J 6
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 5

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| | 2 ♠ | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

4 ♠ by North

SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

NORTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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SOUTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4â™ .