

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K J T 5
♣ Q 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2



♠ K J 3
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5

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

3 ♠ by North

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SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

NORTH's hand.

NORTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 6 4 2

♣ A 2

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3



♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
	3♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

If the opening lead is a ♠ or a

then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 6 5

♥ T 4

♦ 9 3

♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ K 3

♥ A J 9 6 3

♦ A Q 7

♣ 8 6 4



♠ 9

♥ 8 5

♦ K J T 8 6 4

♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If SOUTH opened with 2 NORTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ K 7



♠ K J 8
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ 9 6
♣ J 9 8 6

♠ A Q 3
♥ A J T
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q T 4

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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SOUTH responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high
SOUTH should bid 3NT.