

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 10 5
♣ J 6 3

21
3 7
9

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

6 NT by North

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2



♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

North

2 NT
6 NT

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 ♦
3 NT
Pass

♠ A 10 9 7

♥ J 10 2

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 10 9 7

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 NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

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

When SOUTH shows

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

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

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 7
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ J 9 8 4

15
9 7
9

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 6
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

North

2 NT
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 ♠
3 ♥
Pass

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

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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s.

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

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ Q J 9 8 6

6
10 9
15

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

♠ 2

♥ 10 9 8 7

♦ K Q J 5

♣ K 10 4 3

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

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

NORTH's hand.

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

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 6 2

♣ A 10 7

6
10 6
18

West

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

North

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

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

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

♠

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If the opening lead is a ♠ or a

♠

then SOUTH

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

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 8
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

14
7 11
8

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4



♠ Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9

North

1 ♥
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

Pass
3 ♥
Pass

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♥TM, NORTH might well pass and a

4♥TM

game

would be missed.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 7 4
♥ Q 8
♦ 6
♣ J 9 8 3 2

8
6 10
16

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J 10 8 3 2

♣ K 7

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 10

♦ K 7 5 4

♣ Q 10 4

♠ J 9 5

♥ K 9 6 5 3

♦ Q 9

♣ A 6 5

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♦

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high \hat{a}^{TM} SOUTH should bid 3 NT.