

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 3 4
 17

West
 Pass
 6 NT by North

♠ A K 5

♥ 10 7 4 3

♦ A 9 8 2

♣ K Q

♠ 10 9 3

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ 10 6 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 8

♦ K Q

♣ A J 10 7 4

1 NT

Pass

Pass

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 7 4 3

♣ 5 3 2

North
 1 NT
 Pass

East
 Pass
 6 NT

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 5
 ♦ A 7 3
 ♣ Q 9 8 5

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

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♠ K J 9
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 10 4

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 6 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A J 7

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

EAST has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

WEST has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ J 7 5 3
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ A 9 8

9
 6 9
 16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

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

N
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♠ A 8 5
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ K 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 4 3

♠ K J 9 2
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ K Q J

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, NORTH has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7
♣ Q 10 8

17 15
2
6

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 9 5 4 3
♣ 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7
♥ A 8 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ K J 7 4 2

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 9 6

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

WEST has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

EAST has 16 points; he figures it is possible that WEST can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting WEST to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A

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♠ K 8
♥ AK 5
♦ A 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

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



♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4

SOUTH 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

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

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