

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ Q T 8 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ 7 5

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2



♠ 2

♥ K 9 6 5 4

♦ J 7 5

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit.

With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

NORTH now knows that ♠ will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4 .

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ 8 7

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

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♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ A

♥ J 9 8

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ Q J T 5 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1♠ rather than 1NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2♦.

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3♠.

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4♠.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 7

♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ Q T 8

♥ A J 6

♦ K T 9 3

♣ Q T 5



♠ 9 6 2

♥ T 8 3

♦ 8 6 5 4 2

♣ A 7

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 5

♦ A Q J

♣ K J 4 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

4NT

All Pass

2NT

4NT by North

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SOUTH has a perfect 2NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

NORTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites SOUTH to bid slam by responding 4NT.

With one more point SOUTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ T 8 5
♦ Q J T 9 6
♣ 9 4

♠ J T 4

♥ A J 6

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 8 7 2



♠ K Q 3 2

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 4 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ 9 6 5

♥ K Q 2

♦ A 8 7

♣ K Q J 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	All Pass	1NT

2 NT by North

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SOUTH opens 1NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Board 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ J T 7 3
 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ 9 8 3

♠ Q T 8 2
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A K Q 5



♠ K 3
 ♥ Q 9 8 5
 ♦ Q T 3 2
 ♣ J T 6

♠ J 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1NT, so opens 1 .

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1 .

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3 and SOUTH bids the game.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ 9 6 5 4 3
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 4 3

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ K T 6 5

♣ 9 8 5



♠ A T 8 6 2

♥ J T

♦ 8 7

♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q J

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ A K 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

2NT

3 NT by North

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SOUTH has a classic 2NT opening bid, 21 points
and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for
game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3NT.