

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ K Q T 8
♣ Q T 8 4

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ J 5

	N	
W		E
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♠ A 6
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6 3

♠ T 9 2
♥ A 8 7 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A K 9 2

West	North	East	South
	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH assumes her partner can win six tricks. So
she will need to contribute four more to
make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a
ruff also.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9
♥ J 7 5
♦ A 9 6
♣ A Q J 4 2

♠ J T 3

♥ T 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ T 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 7 6 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 3
♣ K 6 5

♠ 5 4
♥ A K Q 4 2
♦ J T 7 4
♣ 8 7

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

4 ♠ by West

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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

Board 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ A T 9 8

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ K J 4

♣ K Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 8 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

West North East South
3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

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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.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ A K 4 2

♠ A 9

♥ Q T 9 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J T 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ T
 ♣ Q 7 3

West	North	East	South
		2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

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The 2NT 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

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

When EAST shows

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

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K J 3

♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2

♥ K 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 7 3



♠ 4

♥ T 9 7 6

♦ A Q T 7

♣ K J T 2

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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

NORTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

S.

SOUTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .