

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

21
7 9
3
♦ 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

West North East South
Pass 2 NT Pass Pass
Pass
2 NT by North

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution,
NORTH opens 2 NT.

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that
NORTH cannot have more than 21 so the
partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just
passes 2 NT.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 7 5 3

12 5
16
7

West North East South
3 NT Pass 1 NT Pass
3 NT by East

♠ Q 10 9 8 7
♥ 10 7
♦ Q 10 8
♣ J 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A 4 2

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 8 6
♦ J 9 7
♣ Q 9 6

This is an easy one to bid.

EAST has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

WEST has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play.
You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 7 5 3

14
2 4
20

♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ Q J 8



♠ 10 3
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 10 9 4 2

♠ A J 5
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A K 6

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

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 7 4 3

♣ A 6 2

6
17 8
9

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 8

♣ J 10 8



♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q 8 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 10 2

♥ A J 7 6 2

♦ J 9 5

♣ K 9 4

West

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by West

EAST cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when WEST opens 1 NT
EAST knows that the partnership has a
25 points at most so

he passes again.