

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

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| 17 | ♠ K Q 3 |
| 7 | ♥ J 9 6 4 |
| 6 | ♦ 8 6 2 |
| | ♣ 9 6 5 |

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| West | North | East | South |
| | 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 4 ♥ by North | | | |

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SOUTH's 2

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raise shows 6-10 points and at least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ K 8 4

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 12 15
 7

♠ K 8 6 5
 ♥ Q J 7 3 2
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 ♣ 9 7 5 3

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

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A 8 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 2

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

EAST has an ideal 1 NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, WEST knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K Q J 9 6 3
♣ Q 4

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11 9
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♣ 8 5 2

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♠ Q J 6 4
♥ A 9 5
♦ 8 2
♣ A K 6 3

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ A
♣ J 10 9 7

West North East South
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♠ Pass Pass
2 ♠ by South

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1TM opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

1TM

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major 1TM suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four 1TM's, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6
 ♥ A K Q 7 2
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ 6 4

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

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♠ 7 5
 ♥ 10 9 8 4
 ♦ K 9 4
 ♣ K 8 5 2

♠ A 10 9 8 2
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ J 10 9 7

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 3 ♥ by West | | | |

With 17 points WEST is not strong enough to insist on game after EAST's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

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bid.

EAST, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 2

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6 8
9



♠ A 8 3 2
♥ K 10 9
♦ A J 7
♣ K Q 6

♠ K J 7 6 5
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A 3

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ J 9 5

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

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1 NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2 NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.