

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
11 7  
14

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

3 ♠ by North

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

SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2 NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3â™£ to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

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s rather than â™£s, so

he signs off in 3â™

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A 9 8 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 3 2

8  
5 9  
18

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K Q J 9  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ 6 3  
♣ Q 10 8 7

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

the first five

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tricks

she bids 3 NT.

With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2 NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

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A or

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K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K Q 8**  
**♥ A K 8**  
**♦ J 4 3**  
**♣ A 10 6 5**

**♠ J 2**  
**♥ J 10 4 3 2**  
**♦ 10 8**  
**♣ Q J 9 4**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ 9 7 5**  
**♥ 7 6**  
**♦ A K Q 9 6 2**  
**♣ 8 3**

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

NORTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good SOUTH's hand is.

So he bids 2 NT to get more information.

SOUTH has the exact hand to say 3 NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**11**  
**12**   **10**  
    7

♠ 10 9 2  
♥ A 8 7 4 3  
♦ 3  
♣ A K 9 2



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			3 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH 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

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ruff also.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 3  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ K J 7 4  
♣ 10 9 7 3

**10**  
**7 9**  
**14**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ J 10 4  
♥ A Q 10 9 2  
♦ Q 10 5 2  
♣ 8

♠ Q 9  
♥ J 7 5  
♦ A 9 6  
♣ A Q J 4 2

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

4 ♠ by North

NORTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH naturally bids 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£ and NORTH rebids the  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> suit.

SOUTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

**Deal 6**  
South Deals  
None Vul

<p>♠ A 9 4 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ A 10 8 2 ♣ 10 3 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 11 9 7</p> <p>West</p>	<p>♠ Q J 8 3 ♥ 10 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ K Q J 4</p> <p>♠ 6 5 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ 5</p> <p>N W E S</p> <p>North</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 2 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ A 9 8 7 6</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>East</p>	<p>3 ♥</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>South</p>
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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.