

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 5 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 6 3 2

19
6 9
6

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K J 9
♥ A Q
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K 10 4



♠ 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 8 7 4
♥ K J 9 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A J 7

South

3 NT

NORTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

SOUTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

9
9 16
6

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

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 6 4 3

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♠ 7 6 4
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ A 9 8

♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q J

After WEST passes initially, EAST opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, WEST has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

EAST has a small problem - WEST's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 9 5 4 3
 ♣ 5 3

15
 2 6
 17

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ A 7

♥ A 8 4

♦ K 10 6

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7

♣ Q 10 8

North

4 NT

Pass

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ J 7 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ A 9 6

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

6 NT

SOUTH has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

NORTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that SOUTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - SOUTH had 17 points so she bid 6 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

4
15 16
5

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

♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4



♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A

♠ K 8
♥ A K 5
♦ A 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

EAST definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

WEST's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6 NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.