Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9
♡ A Q
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K 10 4

♠ A Q 5 2
♡ 7 4 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 6 3 2

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    N
  W   E
    S
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♠ 8 7 4
♡ K J 9 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A J 7

19
6 **9**
  6

♠ 10 6 3
♡ 10 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by North

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
North Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ Q 10 3
              ♡ K 10 6
              ◇ A 9 4
              ♣ 10 7 5 2
♠ 7 6 4              ♠ A 8 5
♡ J 7 5 3      N     ♡ Q 4 2
◇ J 6 5     W   E    ◇ K 7 3 2
♣ A 9 8        S     ♣ 6 4 3
              ♠ K J 9 2
    9         ♡ A 9 8
  6   9       ◇ Q 10 8
    16        ♣ K Q J
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West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

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

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH'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
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♡ K Q 10
♢ A J 7
♣ Q 10 8

♠ J 10 8 2
♡ J 7 5 3
♢ 8 2
♣ A 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ 6 5 4
♡ 9 6 2
♢ Q 9 5 4 3
♣ 5 3

17
6   2
15

♠ A 7
♡ A 8 4
♢ K 10 6
♣ K J 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 NT by North

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

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

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

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8
♡ A K 5
◇ A 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

♠ Q J 6 3
♡ 8 4 3
◇ J 7 6
♣ 7 5 4

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ 10 9 5 2
♡ J 10 7 2
◇ 10 9 4 3
♣ A

16
4   5
  15

♠ A 7 4
♡ Q 9 6
◇ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 NT by South

NORTH 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

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

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