Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

	♠ A 10 8		
	♡ A 10 9		
	◊ K Q 10 8		
	♣ K 9 7		

♠ J 9 5		♠ Q 6 4 2
♡ K J 8 5 4	N	♡ 6 3
◊ 6 5	W E	◊ A 7 3 2
♣ A 4 3	S	♣ 6 5 2

16
9 6
  9

	♠ K 7 3	
	♡ Q 7 2	
	◊ J 9 4	
	♣ Q J 10 8	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by North

NORTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But NORTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 2
♡ K 7 5
♢ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

♠ A 8 4
♡ Q 8 3 2
♢ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

♠ 7 5 3
♡ J 10 9 6
♢ A 7 6
♣ 10 9 8

N
W E
S

8
7   5
20

♠ K Q J
♡ A 4
♢ K Q 10 8
♣ A J 7 3

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

3 NT by South

SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 3
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 4
♡ Q 9 5
♢ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

♠ J 9 3 2
♡ 10 8 6
♢ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 6 5
♡ A 7 4 2
♢ 10 7 4 3
♣ 9 6

♠ A 10 8
♡ K J 3
♢ A J 5
♣ Q J 7 2

15
5   4
16

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass			

4 NT by North

Deal 4

Deal 4
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 5
♡ K 8 5
◇ Q 10 7 6
♣ A 9 7

♠ K J 6 3 2
♡ J 9 3
◇ 9 8 4
♣ J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7
♡ A 10 4 2
◇ A 5 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

15
6   10
9

♠ 10 8 4
♡ Q 7 6
◇ K J 3
♣ K 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 NT by North

NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2 NT.

Since NORTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.