

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ J 4 2

♦ T

♣ Q 7 3

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2



♠ A 9

♥ Q T 9 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J T 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2♦

Pass

6NT

All Pass

3NT

6NT by North

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The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

.

There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When SOUTH shows

A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6NT bid.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ T 8 3  
♥ 8 5  
♦ K J 3  
♣ Q 9 8 6 4



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

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

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

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WEST is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

EAST shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

WEST is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5



♠ T

♥ T 9 8 7 6

♦ A K J T 5

♣ Q 6

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2 ♠

3 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

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NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

SOUTH's hand.

SOUTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 6 4 2

♣ A 2



♠ 5

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5

West

North

East

South

4♥

All Pass

3♣

Pass

4♥ by West

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WEST has no way to tell whether EAST can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

.

If the opening lead is a or a

then WEST

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 5  
♥ T 4  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A K 7 5 2

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



♠ 9  
♥ 8 5  
♦ K J T 8 6 4  
♣ Q J T 3

♠ Q J T 7 4 2  
♥ K Q 7 2  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 9

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If SOUTH opened with 2♥, NORTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

**Board 6**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ A J T 8 3 2  
♣ K 7

♠ K J 8  
♥ K 6 5 3  
♦ 9 6  
♣ J 9 8 6



♠ A Q 3  
♥ A J T  
♦ K 7 5 4  
♣ Q T 4

♠ T 9 7 5 4  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ Q  
♣ A 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

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EAST responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When WEST shows a decent hand with a high  
EAST should bid 3NT.