

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 3 2

17
8 6
9

West
Pass
Pass
Pass
3 NT by North

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J 10



♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

North

1 NT
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 NT
Pass

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 10 9 5 2
♣ A 6 4

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2 NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

9
9 5
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3



♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 8

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

With 9 points NORTH is unable to decide the final contract. If SOUTH has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3 NT. If SOUTH opened with just 15 points then 3 NT will be too high..

So NORTH makes the temporizing bid of 2 NT. This tells SOUTH that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal SOUTH has 17 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

15
6 10
9

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ A 10 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K 10 9 5



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

This time NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

NORTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5
 ♥ K 6 2
 ♦ K 9 6 5
 ♣ 10 6 4

2
 10 8
 20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

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♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q

South

2 NT

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.