

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 2  
♥ J 7 5 3  
♦ 8 2  
♣ A 9 6

17  
6 2  
15

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

♠ K Q 9 3  
♥ K Q 10  
♦ A J 7  
♣ Q 10 8



♠ A 7  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ K 10 6  
♣ K J 7 4 2

♠ 6 5 4  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ Q 9 5 4 3  
♣ 5 3

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 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 3  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 7 5 4

16  
4 5  
15

West

Pass  
Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ A

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.

**Deal 3**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2  
♥ K 4 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A 10 9 7

21  
7 9  
3

*West*

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ Q J 10  
♥ A J 7  
♦ A K 6 2  
♣ K Q J



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

*North*

2 NT

*East*

Pass

*South*

Pass

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution,  
NORTH opens 2 NT.

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that  
NORTH cannot have more than 21 so the  
partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just  
passes 2 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 8 6

♦ J 9 7

♣ Q 9 6

12  
7 5  
16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3

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♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3  
♥ A 8 6 4  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ 10 9 4 2

20  
4 2  
14

*West*

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A J 5  
♥ Q 10 9 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A K 6



♠ K 7 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 7 4 2  
♣ Q J 8

*North*

2 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

6 NT

♠ Q 9 8 6 4  
♥ 7 2  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ 7 5 3

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here SOUTH has 14 points. So when NORTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points SOUTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

**Deal 6**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 8

♣ J 10 8

8  
6 9  
17

*West*

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q 8 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 7 4 3

♣ A 6 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 NT

NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1 NT  
NORTH knows that the partnership has a  
25 points at most so

he passes again.