

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3 2

15
6 10
9

♠ A 10 6

♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2

♣ K 10 9 5

W N
S E

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ A Q J

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 NT by North			

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

8

2 20
10
 ♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q

 N
 W E
 S

 ♠ K Q 6
 ♥ A J 10 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ K J 5 2

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

 West North East South
 2 NT Pass

 Pass Pass
 2 NT by East

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

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

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

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

9
 6 9
 16

West

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ Q 7 2
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8

	N	
W		E
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♠ J 9 5
 ♥ K J 8 5 4
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 4 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by South			

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

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

But SOUTH 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 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ A J 7 3

20 7 8 5
 ♣ 10 9 8

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

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

♠ 7 5 3
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ A 7 6
♣ 10 9 8

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

EAST has 8 points. She adds WEST'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 WEST passes.

Deal 5
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 5 4



♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 8 3

♠ 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

West *North* *East* *South*
Pass 1 NT Pass 4 NT
Pass
4 NT by North

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Deal 6

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 10 8 4
None Vul	♥ Q 7 6
	♦ K J 3
	♣ K 10 5 2
	♠ 9 7
	♥ A 10 4 2
	♦ A 5 2
	♣ Q 8 4 3

9	♠ A Q 5
10 6	♥ K 8 5
15	♦ Q 10 7 6
	♣ A 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 NT by South			



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

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

So she says 2 NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.