

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 5 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ K Q 10 8

1  
8 8  
23

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♦      Pass      2 ♣  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
2 NT by South

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

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

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

♦ .

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2♣.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

♦ .

SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

**Deal 2**

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

5	A 8 2
8 5	♥ A K 7 5
22	♦ K Q J
	♣ K Q 10

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

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

♦

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ J 6 3

♣ J 8

6 7  
22

♠ Q J 10 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3


 ♠ 8 5  
 ♥ 10 6 4  
 ♦ K 10 5  
 ♣ Q 10 9 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card ♠ suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2♠.

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the ♠s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

4	8 6	22
♠	♦	♦
K	A	A
Q	K	7
J	Q	5
6	J	3
4	3	2
2	2	10

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
4 ♥ by South			

N	E
W	S
♠ K Q 2	♠ 10 9 7 5
♦ A K Q 7 5	♦ 6
♦ A 7 2	♦ K 10 5 3
♣ A 10	♣ Q J 9 5

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

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SOUTH now shows a

♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

♥

.

NORTH likes

♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

♥

.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

4  
5  
26

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



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

♠ A J 8 7  
♥ A K  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ A K Q J

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

SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact.  
She opens 2♣.

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3 NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

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SOUTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points, balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3 NT.

**Deal 6**

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



1	♠ A 7 3
11 8	♥ A K Q 8 6 2
20	♦ 8 6
	♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

♦

.

SOUTH bids his suit, 2

♥

.

NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3♣.

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

♥

, and NORTH passes.

**Deal 7**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q 9 7  
 ♥ 10 6 3  
 ♦ 10 8 7 3  
 ♣ J 4 2

**25**  
 3 5  
 7  
 ♠ 4 2  
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5  
 ♦ A 5 2  
 ♣ 7 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

♠ A K 6 3  
 ♥ A K 8 2  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ K Q

♠ J 10 8 5  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 9 6 4  
 ♣ A 10 9 8 6

N  
 W E  
 S

NORTH has a nice 2♣ opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

♥

suit.

NORTH likes

♥

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

♥

.

**Deal 8**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 6 5  
♥ 9 6  
♦ Q 9 5 4  
♣ Q 10 9 6 5



♠ A J 9 8 3

**22**  
**4 2**  
**12**

♦ 6

♣ A 8 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 ♠
ALL	Pass		

7 ♠ by South

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***Deal 9***

**Deal 9**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ 10 5 4  
 ♦ J 10 7 6 3  
 ♣ K 4 2

**22**  
 4 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 8 6  
 ♥ A K J 2  
 ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ 8 6

♠ 5 4  
 ♥ Q 6 3  
 ♦ 9 5 4  
 ♣ A J 10 9 7

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has a minimum 2♣ opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♦.

NORTH shows the ♠ support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4♦ which NORTH passes.

**Deal 10**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ 9 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ K Q 10 8

**22**  
6 4  
8

♠ A Q 9  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ A J 7 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 7 4  
♥ J 10 7 6 3  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ 6 2

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

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

NORTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2♣, expecting to rebid 2 NT.

But SOUTH responds a positive 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

NORTH bids what his hand is worth, 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 11**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 8 6 4  
 ♥ K 4  
 ♦ Q 9 8 4  
 ♣ Q J 10 7

5  
 8 4  
 23

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 7 2  
 ♥ Q 10 7 5  
 ♦ 7 2  
 ♣ 8 5 4

♠ 10 5 3  
 ♥ 9 6 3  
 ♦ K J 10 5 3  
 ♣ 6 2

♠ A K 9  
 ♥ A J 8 2  
 ♦ A 6  
 ♣ A K 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4 ♥ by South		

SOUTH opens 2♣ and NORTH responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2 NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3♣ Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2 NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

♥

suit and NORTH bids 4

♥

.

**Deal 12**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ A K 9**  
**♥ A K 2**  
**♦ A 8 3**  
**♣ A Q 7 4**

**♠ 10 8 5 2**  
**♥ 9 4**  
**♦ J 10 5**  
**♣ 10 9 8 6**



**♠ J 7 4**  
**♥ J 10 7 6 3**  
**♦ Q 9 2**  
**♣ 5 2**

**24**  
**1 4**  
**11**  
**♣ K J 3**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2 NT to NORTH's 2♣ opening bid.

NORTH bids 3 NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2 NT.

SOUTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6 NT.

**Deal 13**

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

.

SOUTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♠.

NORTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2 NT.

SOUTH now shows her second suit, 3

♥

.

NORTH is happy to bid the game in

♥

s.

**Deal 14**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
**2 4**  
**23**

♠ K 7 3  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ A Q J 8 6  
♣ J 2

♠ 10 9 6 4  
♥ 7 3  
♦ 4 3  
♣ A 8 7 6 5

♠ A Q 2  
♥ A K Q 5  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ K Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2♣ and expects to rebid 2 NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

♦

s she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3 NT.

NORTH bids 6 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

**Deal 15**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 5  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ 10 7 3  
♣ 10 8 5 2

8  
3 4  
25

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 8 4 3  
♥ 8 3  
♦ A 9 6 4  
♣ 9 7 6 4

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

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by South			

pass

pass

NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2♠.

SOUTH bids her

♥

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

♥

bid.

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two Aces she bids

6 NT. She could also have bid 6

♥

but 6 NT scores a little more.

**Deal 16**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 5  
♥ Q 10 3  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ J 7 2

5  
7 6  
22

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8  
♥ J 9 4  
♦ K Q 10 9 5  
♣ 10 9 8 5

♠ A K Q 10 3  
♥ A K 6  
♦ 8 6  
♣ A Q 4

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

♦

to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid.

SOUTH bids his 5-card ♠ suit.

NORTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports SOUTH's ♠.

SOUTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4♠.

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q	♦ K Q J 2	♥ A Q 9 8	♣ A K 4
♠ 10 6 4	♦ K 10 5	♥ 10 9 6 4	♣ Q 7 2
♦ 10 9 6 4	♦ K 10 5	♦ 10 9 6 4	♣ Q 7 2
♣ 10 6 4	♣ Q 7 2	♣ 10 6 4	♣ Q 7 2



♠ 9 8 5 3	♦ 8 3	♥ 7 6 3	♣ J 10 9 8
♠ K J 7 2	♦ A 7 5	♦ J 4 2	♣ 6 5 3
♦ 7 6 3	♦ J 4 2	♦ 7 6 3	♣ 6 5 3
♣ J 10 9 8	♣ 6 5 3	♣ J 10 9 8	♣ 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
6 NT by South			

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2 NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6 NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7 NT. But he doesn't.

**Deal 18**

North Deals ♠ K Q J 8 2

None Vul ♥ A 5

♦ A K 2

♣ A K 2

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ 7

♦ Q 7 5 3

♣ J 10 9 6



♠ 7  
**24**  
 3 7  
 6      ♠ K Q J 8 3 2  
     ♦ 9 8 6  
     ♣ 8 7 4

♠ A 6 4  
 ♥ 10 9 6 4  
 ♦ J 10 4  
 ♣ Q 5 3

West      North      East      South

2 ♣      Pass      2 ♥

Pass      2 ♠      Pass      3 ♥

Pass      6 ♥      Pass      Pass

ALL      Pass

6 ♥ by South

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***Deal 20***

**Deal 19**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ J 9 7 4 3  
 ♦ 9 8 3  
 ♣ J 4 2

**22**  
**2 4**  
**12**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 8 7  
 ♥ A K Q 2  
 ♦ A K J 6  
 ♣ 6

♠ 6 4 2  
 ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ 10 5 4  
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7

♠ A J 10 5  
 ♥ 8 5  
 ♦ Q 7 2  
 ♣ K Q 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♣ by South

After NORTH's 2♣ opening, SOUTH bids 2 NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. SOUTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

NORTH's 3♣ bid is Stayman, asking SOUTH for a 4-card Major. SOUTH mentions his ♠s and

NORTH bids 4♣, showing a minimum 2♣ opener with 4 ♠s.

Now SOUTH adds his 12 points to NORTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6♣.

**Deal 20**

South Deals	♠ 2
None Vul	♥ Q J 5 2
	♦ 9 8 7 2
	♣ 10 7 6 3
♠ J 8 5	♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 4
♦ A Q J 3	♦ K 5 4
♣ Q 4 2	♣ K J 9 8 5
10 3 20 7	♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ A K 10 9 6 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

♦

to SOUTH's opening 2♣ bid,

then bids 3♣ as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2♠.

However, when SOUTH then bids

♥

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

♥

.

**Deal 21**

North Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>22</sup>  
6 4  
8

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K J 2  
♥ Q 7 5  
♦ Q 10 7 2  
♣ 7 5 3

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

NORTH expected to open 2♣, then bid 2 NT at her second turn.

But SOUTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2 NT, so NORTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3 NT.

Since NORTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3 NT.

**Deal 22**

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

6	♠ A Q J 2
5 6	♥ A K 5
23	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ A 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	ALL	Pass
4 ♣ by South			

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***Deal 25***

**Deal 23**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ A K Q J 8 6  
♣ K 4

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 8 6 2

♦ 9 3

♣ J 6 2



♠ J 10 6 4  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 5 4  
♣ Q 10 9 8 7

**22**  
**4 3**  
**11**

♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 5 3

West      North      East      South

2 ♣      Pass      2 NT

Pass      4 ♣      Pass      4 ♠

Pass      5 ♣      Pass      5 ♥

Pass      7 NT      ALL      Pass

7 NT by South

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***Deal 27***

**Deal 24**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

**22**  
6 5  
7



♠ A J 10 4	♦ 10 8 4
♦ 10 4	♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ 9 7 3  
♦ 6 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3  
♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♦ by South			

When NORTH opens 2♣ SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is



s, she must jump to 3



NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6

