

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 2
♣ Q J 9 8 6

6
10 9
15

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 7 2



♠ K J 3
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5

♠ 2
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 10 4 3

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

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

NORTH's hand.

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

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

6
6 18
10

West
3 ♣
Pass
4 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 8 4 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ 5 2



♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ A 10 7

North
Pass
Pass

East
4 ♥

South
Pass

♠ A 6 3
♥ A K Q J 7 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 4

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

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

♠TMY

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If the opening lead is a ♠TM or a

♠TM₁

then EAST

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

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 10 5 4
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ A Q 3 2

8
11 7
14

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

♠ Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9



♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 8
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

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

2[♥]

game

would be missed.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 3
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

6
16 8
10

West

2 NT

3 NT

3 NT by West

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ Q 8

♦ 6

♣ J 9 8 3 2

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♠ J 9 5

♥ K 9 6 5 3

♦ Q 9

♣ A 6 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♦

3 ♣

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J 10 8 3 2

♣ K 7

WEST responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When EAST shows a decent hand with a high \hat{a}^{TM} £ WEST should bid 3 NT.