

Deal 1

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

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West	North	East	South
			2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

The 2 NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2 NT.

When SOUTH shows

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A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6 NT bid.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 5

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♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ K Q 10 6 2

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 7 3

♠ 4
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ J 9 8 4

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

WEST is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

EAST shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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WEST is no longer unsure, so she bids 4â™ .

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

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

W	N	E	S

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

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 8 7 3
 ♣ 7 2

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

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

SOUTH's hand.

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

NORTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 4
 East Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit A 6 3 \heartsuit A K Q J 7 4 2 \diamond A 8 \clubsuit 4	\spadesuit Q J 9 7 \heartsuit 10 5 \diamond Q J 6 2 \clubsuit A 10 7	\spadesuit 5 \heartsuit 8 \diamond 9 7 5 3 \clubsuit K Q J 9 8 6 3	
			
	\spadesuit K 10 8 4 2 \heartsuit 9 6 3 \diamond K 10 4 \clubsuit 5 2		
West 4 \heartsuit 4 \heartsuit by West	North Pass	East 3 \clubsuit Pass	South Pass Pass

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

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

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If the opening lead is a \hat{a}^{TM} or a

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}} I$

then WEST

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

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 8
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

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

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4



♠ A 6
♥ 10 5 4
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ A Q 3 2

♠ Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9

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 SOUTH opened with 2â™, NORTH might well pass and a

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game

would be missed.

Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ K 9 6 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ A 6 5

♠ 6 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A J 10 8 3 2
♣ K 7

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♠ A Q 3
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

♠ K 10 8 7 4

Q 8
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♣ J 9 8 3 2

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

EAST responds 2 NT, asking for more information.

When WEST shows a decent hand with a high ♠, EAST should bid 3 NT.