

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4

♥ Q J 9 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ 6 2

$$\begin{matrix} & 23 \\ 8 & 8 \\ & 1 \end{matrix}$$

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

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

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH 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

♦

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NORTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

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

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 8 5  
 22

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



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

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

<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**

North Deals

None Vul

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

22  
 5 6  
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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



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

North

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 NT

NORTH opens 2♣ with her balanced 22 points.

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

he bids 2♠.

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

SOUTH 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  
 ♥ J 4 3  
 ♦ Q J 4  
 ♣ K 3 2

4  
 8 6  
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 2

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ A 10

North

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

♦

.

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

♥

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**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

26  
 5 5  
 4

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

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

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

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

♦

.

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

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

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8

♥ J 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ Q 7 2

1  
11 8  
20

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ 8 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A K

♠ Q 5

♥ 10 9

♦ K Q 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 4

West	North	East	South
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Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥

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

*West*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

6 ♥ by South

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



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

*North*

2 ♣  
4 NT  
6 ♥

*East*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

*South*

2 ♥  
5 ♦  
Pass

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

♥

.

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## Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ J 10 8 7 3  
♣ J 3 2

12  
2 4  
22

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 ♠ by North

♠ A J 9 8 3

♥ K 7 2

♦ 6

♣ A 8 7 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

2 ♣

3 ♠

4 ♦

5 ♠

Pass





**Deal 9**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

22  
4 7  
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ A K J 2

♦ A K Q

♣ 8 6



♠ A J 10 7 2

♥ 9 8 7

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♠

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**

South Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 4 6  
 22

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

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

South

2 ♣

3 NT

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

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

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

**Deal 11**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

23  
4 8  
5

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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



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

North

2 ♣

2 NT

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 ♣

4 ♥

NORTH opens 2♣ and SOUTH responds 2

♦

showing fewer than 8 points.

NORTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

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

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

So NORTH shows her 4-card

♥

suit and SOUTH bids 4

♥

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**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

11  
 4 1  
 24

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

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

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

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

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

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 3

♥ J 6

♦ K J 9 8 3

♣ K 4 2

20  
9 7  
4

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A K Q 8 6

♥ A K 10 8 2

♦ A

♣ 8 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 4 2

♣ Q 9 3

*North*

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♦

2 NT

4 ♥

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

SOUTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

♦

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NORTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2♠.

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

NORTH now shows her second suit, 3

♥

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SOUTH 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

11  
 2 4  
 23

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

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



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

North

3 ♦

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

Pass

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

♦

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**

North Deals

None Vul

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

25  
 4 3  
 8

West

North

East

South

	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass

6 ♥ by North

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



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

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

pass

pass

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

NORTH bids her

♥

s and SOUTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

♥

bid.

NORTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that SOUTH

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



♠ A K Q 10 3

♥ A K 6

♦ 8 6

♣ A Q 4

♠ 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 10 9 5

♣ 10 9 8 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

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

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

25  
 5 1  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

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



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

North

2 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

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.

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**Deal 18**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
7 3  
24

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	ALL	Pass

6 ♥ by North



**Deal 19**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

22  
2 4  
12

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

West	North	East	South
	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  
None Vul

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

3  
10 7  
20

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ 10 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 6 3

♥ A K 10 9 6

♦ 10 6

♣ A

*North*

2 ♦

3 ♣

4 ♥

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

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

♥

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**Deal 21**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

22  
6 4  
8

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J



♠ K J 2

♥ Q 7 5

♦ Q 10 7 2

♣ 7 5 3

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

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.

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**Deal 22**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
5 6  
23

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



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

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

<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			





**Deal 23**

North Deals

None Vul

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

22  
4 3  
11

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4



♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 5 3

*North*

2 ♣

4 ♣

5 ♣

7 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

*South*

2 NT

4 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 10 3

♦ 5 4

♣ Q 10 9 8 7



**Deal 24**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 4

♥ 10 8 4

♦ 10 4

♣ 10 7 5 2

7  
5 6  
22

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♦ by North

♠ 9 7 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q J 9 8 6 3

♣ A 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8

♥ A K Q 5

♦ A K 7 2

♣ K Q J 3

*North*

3 ♦

5 ♦

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♦

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

because her suit is

♦

s, she must jump to 3

♦

.

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

That's all NORTH needs to know to bid 6

♦

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