

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3

15
7 9
9

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
2 NT by North

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With 4-3-3-3 distribution and 15 points this hand qualifies for a 1 NT opening. You bid 1 NT and partner raises to 2 NT.

Partner's 2 NT bid invites you to bid 3 NT if you are at the top of your 15-17 point range. Since you have only 15 points you decline the invitation.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ Q J 8 5
 ♣ K 8 3

6
 9 16
 9

♠ K 6 2
 ♥ 10 9 6 5
 ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ J 2

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

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

This hand has 17 points and one of the balanced distributions. When you have a hand that meets the requirements you should open 1 NT. Do not worry about the lack of a ♦ stopper, you don't have to have all the suits stopped to open 1 NT. You bid 1 NT and partner raises to 2 NT. What do you bid next?

You should count on partner for 9 points for his invitation. Your 17 brings the total to 26 so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9 7
15

West

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

North

East

South

Pass
Pass
3 NT by South

1 NT

3 NT

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

Of course you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 NT. What do you say?

With 15 points you decline invitations, and with 17 points you accept. But with 16 you have to use your judgement. Some players will just automatically bid 3 NT when they have 16 points, preferring to err on the side of boldness than to possibly miss bidding a makeable game. Others prefer to base their decision on how good the hand looks.

With all the Ts and 9s this hand is stronger than 16 points, so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10 5
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 9 8

5
15 16
4

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

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT. Again. This time partner jumps to 4 NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is not Blackwood. It is called a Quantitative 4 NT and he is telling you he has a balanced 16-17 point hand. He is inviting you to bid 6 NT.

With 17 you accept invitations, with 15 you decline. You have 15 so you pass.

As you see, there are 9 easy tricks and you can probably set up another. But you have no chance to make slam.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3

$$\begin{matrix} 17 \\ 2 \\ 16 \end{matrix}$$


West North East South
 1 NT Pass 4 NT
 Pass 6 NT Pass Pass
 Pass
 6 NT by North

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the sequel to Deal 4. This time you have 17 points so you accept partner's invitation to slam and bid 6 NT.

You have 11 top tricks and can easily set up one more in ♣s.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3

15
7 9
9

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

6
9 16
9

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9
15

N
W S E

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 9

♠ 2

North Deals ♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

E-W Vul ♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W S E

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A K 4

♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

17
2 5
16

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

15
7 9
9

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul
♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4
♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3



♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9
♣ J 2

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 13

North Deals ♠ 8 6 5
Both Vul ♥ K 8 4
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 8 3

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



9
9 7
15

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

5
15 16
4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A K 4

♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

17
2 5
16

Deal 16

West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3



♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

15
7 9

Deal 17 ♠ K 6 2
North Deals ♥ 10 9 6 5
None Vul ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 4

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

N
W E
S

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 5

♥ K 8 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ J 7 3 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ J 2



♠ A 4 2

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10

♥ A Q

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A Q 10 9 5

9
9
15 7

Deal 19

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|-------------|---------------|
| | ♠ 2 |
| South Deals | ♥ J 6 5 4 3 2 |
| E-W Vul | ♦ J 7 3 |
| | ♣ K 4 2 |
| ♠ Q J 10 5 | ♠ A K 3 |
| ♥ Q 9 8 | ♥ A K 7 |
| ♦ A Q 4 | ♦ 10 8 2 |
| ♣ A 9 8 | ♣ Q 10 7 5 |
| | ♠ 9 8 7 6 4 |
| 5 | ♥ 10 |
| 15 16 | ♦ K 9 6 5 |
| 4 | ♣ J 6 3 |



Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A K 4

♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3

17
2 5
16

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

Deal 21

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| North Deals | ♠ A 7 4 |
| N-S Vul | ♥ A Q 8 5 |
| | ♦ Q 7 4 |
| | ♣ Q J 6 |
| ♠ Q J 10 | ♠ 8 6 5 2 |
| ♥ J 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 |
| ♦ 10 9 3 2 | ♦ A J 8 |
| ♣ K 8 3 | ♣ A 5 4 |
| 15 7 9 | ♠ K 9 3 |
| | ♥ K 7 4 |
| | ♦ K 6 5 |
| | ♣ 10 9 7 2 |



Deal 22

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9
♣ J 2

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2



♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

9
9 7
15

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8



♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ Q J 10 5

 ♥ Q 9 8

E-W Vul ♦ A K 4

 ♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

 ♥ 10

 ♦ Q 9 6 5

 ♣ 8 6 3



♠ 2

 ♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

 ♦ J 7 3

 ♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3

 ♥ A K 7

 ♦ 10 8 2

 ♣ Q 10 7 5

17
2 **5**
16

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8 3

15
7 9



♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A J 8
♣ A 5 4

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 7 2

Deal 27 ♠ K 6 2
South Deals ♥ 10 9 6 5
None Vul ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 4

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

N
W E
S

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

9
9 7
15

N
W E
S

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 29

♠ 2
North Deals ♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
Both Vul ♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2
♠ Q J 10 5 ♠ A K 3
♥ Q 9 8 ♥ A K 7
♦ A Q 4 ♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 9 8 ♣ Q 10 7 5

 N
W E
 S

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

 5
15 16
 4

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A K 4

♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

17
2 5
16

Deal 31

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| South Deals | ♠ A 7 4 |
| N-S Vul | ♥ A Q 8 5 |
| | ♦ Q 7 4 |
| | ♣ Q J 6 |
| ♠ Q J 10 | ♠ 8 6 5 2 |
| ♥ J 3 2 | ♥ 10 9 6 |
| ♦ 10 9 3 2 | ♦ A J 8 |
| ♣ K 8 3 | ♣ A 5 4 |
| 15 7 9 | ♠ K 9 3 |
| | ♥ K 7 4 |
| | ♦ K 6 5 |
| | ♣ 10 9 7 2 |



Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 10 6 5

6
9 16
9

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K 8 3

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 2

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

9
9 7
15

♠ Q J 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10 9 5

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 6 3

5
15 16
4

Deal 35 ♠ Q J 10 5
South Deals ♥ Q 9 8
E-W Vul ♦ A K 4
 ♣ A J 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4
♥ 10
♦ Q 9 6 5
♣ 8 6 3

N
W E
S

17
2 5
16

♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5