

**Deal 1**East Deals  
None Vul

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

3  
 9 7  
**21**

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

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

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

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

With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution,  
SOUTH opens 2 NT.

NORTH has just 3 points; he knows that  
SOUTH cannot have more than 21 so the  
partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just  
passes 2 NT.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6	♦ Q J 9 8 6	♥ J 9 7	♣ Q 9 6
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12	7	5	16

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



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

This is an easy one to bid.

SOUTH has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1 NT.

NORTH has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3 NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play.  
You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
**2 4**  
**20**

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



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

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

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

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2 NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6 NT.

**Deal 4**

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



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

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

NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when SOUTH opens 1 NT NORTH knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.