

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 3  
♥ Q J 9 5  
♦ 10 6 5  
♣ 9 8 6

16  
3 4  
17

*West*

Pass  
6 NT by North

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



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

*North*

1 NT  
Pass

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

6 NT

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

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6 NT.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

6  
 6 19  
 9

*West*

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 10 4 2

♣ 6 3 2



♠ 8 7 4

♥ K J 9 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A J 7

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

2 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

EAST has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

WEST has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
6 9  
16

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



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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | Pass  | Pass | 1 NT  |
| Pass | 2 NT  | Pass | 3 NT  |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

3 NT by South

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, NORTH has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7

♣ Q 10 8

2  
17 15  
6

*West*

1 NT

6 NT

6 NT by West

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 6 2

♦ Q 9 5 4 3

♣ 5 3



♠ J 10 8 2

♥ J 7 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ A 9 6

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

4 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST has a great 1 NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

EAST has 16 points; he figures it is possible that WEST can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4 NT, expecting WEST to bid 6 NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - WEST had 17 points so she bid 6 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ A

15  
5 4  
16

*West*

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ K J 8



♠ K 8

♥ A K 5

♦ A 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2

*North*

1 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

6 NT

SOUTH definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

NORTH's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6 NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.