

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
6 10  
9

*West*

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

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



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

*North*

1 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

This time NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2 NT bid.

NORTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

2  
10 8  
20

West

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 10 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

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

South

2 NT

SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2 NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
9 6  
9

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

♠ A 10 8  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ K Q 10 8  
♣ K 9 7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

NORTH has an mid-range 1 NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2 NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3 NT if she has 17.

But NORTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 7 5  
 20

♠ 10 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6



♠ K Q J

♥ A 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ A J 7 3

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

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2 NT.

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3 NT and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

15  
5 4  
16

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

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

## ***Deal 6***

**Deal 6**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 6 10  
 9

West

Pass

2 NT by North

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



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

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

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

South

2 NT

NORTH has a minimum 1 NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

SOUTH has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2 NT.

Since NORTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.