

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9 7

21
7 9
3

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by North

♠ Q J 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J



♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

North

2 NT

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 6 4 3

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

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

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

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3

5
12 16
7

West

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ Q 10 9 8 7

♥ 10 7

♦ Q 10 8

♣ J 10 8

♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 8 6

♦ J 9 7

♣ Q 9 6

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

This is an easy one to bid.

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

WEST 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

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 5

♦ A 7 4 2

♣ Q J 8

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♠ A J 5

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ K Q J

♣ A K 6

North

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 3

♥ A 8 6 4

♦ 10 8 5

♣ 10 9 4 2

South

2 NT

Pass

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ K 7 4 3
 ♣ A 6 2

6
 17 8
 9

West

1 NT

1 NT by West

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 8

♣ J 10 8

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 2

♥ A J 7 6 2

♦ J 9 5

♣ K 9 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST cannot open with only 8 points.

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

he passes again.