

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

1  
 8 8  
 23

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3



♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4

North

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2<sup>TM</sup>£.

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

2<sup>TM</sup>£

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SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2 NT bid, so he passes.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 8 5  
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



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

North

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2<sup>♠</sup>£.

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

2<sup>♠</sup>!

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2 NT.

NORTH bids 3 NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
6 5  
22

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

SOUTH opens 2<sup>♠</sup> with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card <sup>♠</sup> suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2<sup>♠</sup>.

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2 NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the <sup>♠</sup>s; his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ Q J 4

♣ K 3 2

4  
8 6  
22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 2

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ A 10

North

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2♣.

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

2♦

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SOUTH now shows a

2♥

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

2♥

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NORTH likes

2♥

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

2♥

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**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 5 3

♥ J 10 8 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ 10 6

4  
5 5  
26

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J

♠ 9 4

♥ Q 6 4

♦ K 10 7 3

♣ 8 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact.  
She opens 2<sup>♠</sup>£.

In the old days this hand would have  
been opened 3 NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

2<sup>♠</sup>!

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SOUTH now shows her full strength by  
jumping to 3 NT (25-27 points,  
balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he  
passes 3 NT.