

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

♠ 9 2

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ J 10 5

♣ A 7 4

7

5 9

19



♠ A 6 4

♥ K Q 9 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 9 8 5

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K 10 6 2

West

North

East

South

1♦

Pass

1♠

Pass

4♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4♠ by North

SOUTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1â™.

SOUTH now knows that â™'s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4â™.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

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

9
 7 8
16

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4



♠ 8
 ♥ A 9 6 3
 ♦ K 10 8 5 3
 ♣ J 7 2

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2
 ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass			Pass
4 ♠ by South			

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 \hat{a} TM rather than 1 NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 3

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

West North East South

Pass Pass Pass 4 NT

4 NT by North



NORTH has a perfect 2 NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4 NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ J 10 4		
None Vul	♥ AJ 6		
	♦ K 5 3		
	♣ 10 8 7 2		
♠ A Q 8	♠ K 7 3 2		
♥ 8 5 4	♥ 10 9 7 3		
♦ Q 10 9 6 4	♦ J 2		
♣ 9 6	♣ A 5 4		
	♠ 9 6 5		
9	♥ K Q 2		
8	♦ A 8 7		
15	♣ K Q J 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 NT by South			

SOUTH opens 1 NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2 NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K

♥ 9 8 7 3

♦ 10 9 8 5

♣ J 10 6

9
8 5
18

♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

♠ 6 4 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 9 8 3

♠ Q 10 8 2

♥ A K

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q 5

West North East South

1 ♣

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1 NT, so opens 1♦.

NORTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1♦.

SOUTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

Deal 6

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

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

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♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

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

SOUTH has a classic 2 NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3 NT.