

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ A K 9 2

16
8 5
11

♠ K Q 10 8 4
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 10 6



♠ A 9 6 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ J 7

♠ J 5 2
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ J 10
♣ 8 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠].

SOUTH has excellent [♠] support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3[♠], which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 7 3

6
5 21
8

West

3 NT
3 NT by East

♠ J 5 2
♥ Q 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 9 4



♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♥ K 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ Q J 6

North

Pass

East

2 NT
Pass

South

Pass
Pass

EAST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2TM£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

WEST adds her 6 points to EAST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

2TM£

suit to be useful to WEST in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

13
9 10
8

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5



♠ 10 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

10
13 6
11

West

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠ by West

♠ A 5 4

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

South

Pass

WEST has a normal 1♠ opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠,

passed by WEST.

EAST does not consider showing the

♠

s,

first because she knows there is a ♠ fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

15
 4 3
 18

West

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K J 9 6 4
 ♣ Q J 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ K J 4
 ♥ K Q 9 2
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K 10 8

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 9 7 6
 ♥ J 10 8 4 3
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7 6 4 3

South

6 NT

With balanced distribution and 16 points
 NORTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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SOUTH's response is based on simple
 math. He adds his 18 points to the 15
 minimum that NORTH has announced
 and

comes up with 33 points combined. This
 is enough for a small slam, and since he
 has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 10 6 3

♠ Q J 10 9 6
♥ A 7
♦ A Q 6
♣ A K 7



♠ K 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

7
20 7
6

♠ 8 3
♥ J 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 4 2

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

WEST is right at the maximum for a 1st opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2nd.

EAST does not have 3-card st support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

WEST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.