

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ A 7 4

7
5 9
19

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by North

♠ K 10 8 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q J 3



♠ Q J 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K Q 3
♣ K 10 6 2

North

1♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♦

4♠

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

with 1

1TM

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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 1TM.

SOUTH now knows that 1TMs will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4TM.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

8
9 16
7

West

2 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2

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♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

EAST has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1st rather than 1 NT.

WEST isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2nd.

EAST has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3rd.

WEST has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4th.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
 ♥ 10 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ A 7 3

12
 4 4
 20

West

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

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



♠ K J 3
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ K J 4 2

North

4 NT

East

Pass

♠ A 7 6 4 2
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ 9 8 6

South

2 NT

Pass

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

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

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

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

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ K Q J 3

8
 15 9
 8

West

1 NT

Pass

2 NT by West

♠ A Q 8

♥ 8 5 4

♦ Q 10 9 6 4

♣ 9 6



♠ K 7 3 2

♥ 10 9 7 3

♦ J 2

♣ A 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

South

Pass

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

EAST, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite WEST to bid game if he

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

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

Deal 5

South 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

	N	
W		E
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♠ Q 10 8 2

♥ A K

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 6 4 3

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ Q 3 2

♣ 9 8 3

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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

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

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

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ K 10 6 5

♣ 9 8 5

6
7 21
6

West

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ 7 6

♥ J 6 5 3

♦ A 7

♣ J 10 7 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 8 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 8 4 2

♣ Q 6

North

Pass

East

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q J

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ A K 2

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

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

slam so she just bids 3 NT.