

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 4

16
7 5
12

♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 6
♦ A J 7 3
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ K 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ 5 2
♣ J 8 2

♠ 7 3
♥ A K 2
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ Q 7 5 3

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

W N E S

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 4
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ 5 3
♣ K 5 4 3

7
7 10
16

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W E
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♠ 7 3
♥ 10 7 5
♦ A K 10 9 6 4
♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 9 6
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q J 2

♠ A Q 5 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ J 7
♣ A 10 9 7

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ A J 9

♦ K J 2

♣ Q 6 3

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

15	♠ Q J 5
4 5	♥ K 6
16	♦ A Q 7 4
	♣ K J 10 7

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Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6

♥ K J 5

♦ 10 7 5

♣ K Q J 10 4

♠ J 5 3

♥ Q 9 7 6

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 7 6 5



♠ 10 9 8 4 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ 9 2

♠ A Q 7

♥ A 10 4

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A 8 3

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Do the math. If partner only has 20 points you still come to 34 points, enough for the slam. If you want to use Gerber to check for Aces, go ahead. Or, just bid 6 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

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♦ 6 3	Q J 4
♣ K 9 8 5	7 3

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			1 NT
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have a terrible hand and partner is not going to make 1 NT. So you bid 2 ♠, the Drop-dead bid. You don't expect to make this either, but it will probably end up better than 1 NT would have.