

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
9 7  
10

*West*

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



♠ A K 8 7 6 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 8 3  
♣ K 6 5

*North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1<sup>♠</sup>.

NORTH naturally bids 2<sup>♣</sup> and SOUTH rebids the <sup>♠</sup> suit.

NORTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4<sup>♠</sup>.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 9 4  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ A 10 8 2  
♣ 10 3 2

13  
11 9  
7

West

Pass  
3 ♥ by South

♠ Q J 8 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ K J 4  
♣ K Q J 4



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

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

3 ♥

NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7

♥ J 10 2

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 10 9 7

9  
7 3  
21

♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

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♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

♠ 8 6 3 2

♥ Q 9 5 4

♦ 10 5

♣ J 6 3

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by South

The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

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There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

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A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6 NT bid.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
 ♥ 10 9 7  
 ♦ A K J 7 3  
 ♣ J 9 8 4

15  
 9 7  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 6  
 ♥ A Q J 4 2  
 ♦ 9 6 4  
 ♣ A 5

N  
 W E  
 S

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

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2 NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

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s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4â™¥.