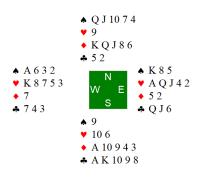


GBC Online Lessons Distributional Hands – Unusual 2NT Practice

Hand 1

East Deals E-W Vul

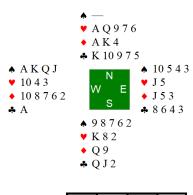


W	N	Е	S
		1♥	2NT
4♥	5•	Р	Р

North/South are not Vulnerable. East opens 1♥ and South (Overcaller) bids 2NT. West (Responder) bids 4♥. North (Advancer) has a good supporting hand — a 10-card fit in Diamonds and a Singleton Heart. Assuming by the nature of the bidding that E/W has distributional hands, it is very possible they might make the 4♥ contract. Since N/S are Non-Vulnerable and E/W are Vulnerable (favorable Vulnerability), North (Advancer) bids 5♦ and all pass. E doesn't Double. Be careful Doubling very distributional hands.

Hand 2

West Deals N-S Vul



W	N	Е	S
1•	2NT	Р	3♥
Р	4♥	Р	Р

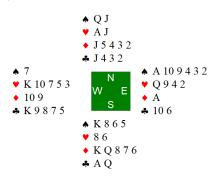
North/South are Vulnerable. West opens 1. North bids 2NT, showing 5+ card suits in Hearts and Clubs. East (Responder) passes. South (Advancer) bids 3. North has 16 HCP, plus a void in spades. This increases the playing value of North's hand. North bids 4.



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Hand 3

South Deals Both Vul

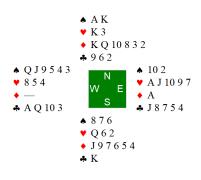


W	N	Е	S
			1•
2NT	3♦	3♥	Р

South opens 1♦. West has 5 cards in both hearts and clubs, the shape for Unusual 2NT. However, West has a singleton ♠, giving her hand an upgrade. Does West know how many HCP East has? No. But, using the principle of bidding early, West bids 2NT. With a stopper in Hearts and 5 diamonds, North bids 3♦. East has the singleton A of diamonds and the A of spades on a long spade suit. Partner cannot have more than 2 spades. With 4 hearts, including an honor, East raises partner's hearts. This puts South in a jam. She has 6 losers but the club and spade suit are a problem. South passes. West now must decide whether to bid game or pass! Not an easy decision. With the best defense, West makes 5 hearts.

Hand 4

North Deals None Vul



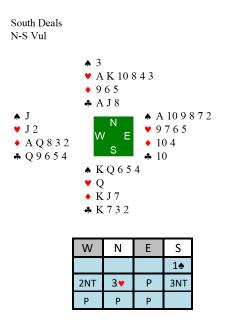
W	N	Е	S
	1•	2NT	Р
3♥	Р	Р	Р

E/W are not Vulnerable. North opens 1♦ and East bids 2NT, showing 5+ Hearts and 5+ Clubs. South (Responder) passes. West (Advancer) has 3-card support for Hearts and 4-card support for Clubs. The Major would give a higher score than 4 clubs. Therefore, Advancer bids 3♥. All pass.



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Hand 5

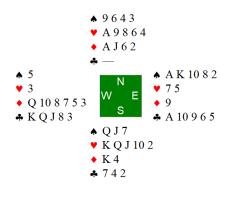


E/W are not Vulnerable. South opens 1♠ and West (Overcaller) bids 2NT, showing a 5+ card suit in both Diamonds and Clubs. North (Responder) bids 3♥. East does not have a fit with partner and has very few HCP (4). With the intervening bid, East can pass. Responder is an unpassed hand and bid a new suit – that is FORCING. Opener cannot support Hearts and is pressed to find a bid. Responder is showing 10+ HCP and Opener has 14 HCP. Opener bids 3NT with stoppers in Diamonds and Clubs. All pass.

NB – All the hands to this point were taken from Jim Ricker's Beyond Beginning Bridge Using 2/1. Some of the hands have been rotated to change the dealer position. The next example is from Barbara Seagram.

Hand 6

South Deals N-S Vul



W	N	Е	S
			1♥
2NT	3♥	5♣	P
ZIVI	→	24	

South opens 1♠. E/W are at favorable vulnerability. West's hand can be upgraded in playing values because of the two singletons and bids 2NT. North, with a void in clubs, one of West's known suits and a stopper in diamonds, bids 3♥. East has no real defense against hearts. With 5 clubs and 2 stoppers in spades, East uses LOTT to bid 5♠.