

DEC. 28<sup>th</sup> – BID THESE HANDS WITH ME

	A3	DEALER 2 NT		
	K5	4 SPADES		
	A1084			
	AKQ96			
72	PASS		K64	PASS
A10862			Q743	PASS
J7	PASS		Q65	
10843			J72	
	QJ10985			
	J9	4 HEARTS		
	K932			
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I don't usually open 2 NT (or ` NT) when I'm 5-4 with 2 doubletons. I would never do it with 5-4 in the majors and very rarely with a 5 card major and an outside 4 card minor. It is usually better to bid the 5 card suit and then JUMP or REVERSE into the 4 card suit showing 18+ points. On this hand you might open 1club, planning to reverse into 2 diamonds over any response which partner makes. HOWEVER, this hand is 20 H.C.P. and the 2 doubletons are both strong Ax and Kx, it might be important to protect the Kx of hearts by bidding NT first. It also tells partner your exact point count and allows him/her to use Stayman, Jacoby or Texas transfers, Gerber, Quantitative. It's very easy for partner to get to game by using Texas Transfer

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	A6	DEALER – 1 DIAMOND		
	3	3 DIAMONDS		
	AK109653			
	K94			
1098			K54	1 HEART
KJ76	2 HEARTS		Q9542	
J7	PASS		42	PASS
J873			A62	
	QJ732	1 SPADE		
	A108	3 NT		
	Q8			
	Q103			

A and Q of clubs are important stoppers, Q8 of Diamonds are equally important. North showed a good 6 card diamond suit. Heart lead, win the Ace, cash 7 diamonds, cash the spade Ace. Don't try for overtricks by finessing the spade K, if it's wrong, opponents will cash hearts.

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		974	DEALER – 1 NT		
		AKQ3		2 HEARTS	
		A32		PASS	
		K102			
8532				J10	PASS
104	PASS			J9865	PASS
J8	PASS			Q9754	
A6543				9	
		AKQ6			
		72	2 CLUBS		
		K106	4 NT		
		QJ87			

When North responds 2 hearts over Stayman, South would jump to 4 clubs if he had a heart fit, asking for controls. 4 NT is Quantitative, wants North to bid 6 with 17 H.C.P. North is close to accepting with 16 H.C.P. but the 4-3-3-3 shape is deterrent. North takes 11 tricks, if spades broke 3-3 then making 6. A 3-3 break is only a 40%, not good odds for being in a slam

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		A103	DEALER- 1 NT		
		J1092		2 HEARTS	
		A9		3 HEARTS	
		AQ65			
QJ42	PASS			K975	PASS
AQ	2 SPADES			K	DOUBLE
J1054	PASS			KQ73	3 SPADES
432				K987	
		86			
		876543	2 Diamonds (transfer)		
		862	PASS		
		J10	PASS		

The double is T.O. showing a shortage in hearts, approximately an opener and support for the Other 3 suits, particularly the other major. When South passes, he most likely has a weak hand, wanted to play 2 hearts. North pushes on to 3 hearts because of his 4 card heart suit. East likes His Kings sitting behind the 1 NT opener and competes to 3 spades. 3 hearts would likely go down 1, but 3 spades is an easy make

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