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NORTH HANDS**Board:** 163**Dealer:** North **Vul:** NS

♠ A J 4
 ♥ K Q 3 2
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ K Q 2

Board: 722**Dealer:** East **Vul:** None

♠ 7 3
 ♥
 ♦ Q T 8 6 5 3 2
 ♣ K 9 7 4

Board: 729**Dealer:** South **Vul:** NS

♠ K J T 6 5
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ T 6 3

Board: 149**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ A T 9 8 2
 ♥ 9 6 4
 ♦ T 7 5
 ♣ J 4

Board: 733**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ Q T 7 5 3 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ A 8 2

Board: 157**Dealer:** West **Vul:** NS

♠ A 8
 ♥ Q 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8
 ♣ A 9 6 4

Board: 726**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ 6 2
 ♥ A Q J 9 3
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ A 9 5

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♠ K 9 8 6 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A T 2
 ♣ 9 7 4

Board: 722**Dealer:** East **Vul:** None

♠ A Q 8 6
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ Q T 8

Board: 729**Dealer:** South **Vul:** NS

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ A Q 9 6
 ♣ Q J 2

Board: 149**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ 7 4 3
 ♥ A T
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ A K 7 6 2

Board: 733**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ A 4
 ♥ K Q 7 4 2
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ Q 5 3

Board: 157**Dealer:** West **Vul:** NS

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ J T 9 5 4 2
 ♣ 5 3

Board: 726**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None

♠ A T 8 7 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K Q T
 ♣ K T 6

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Board: 163**Dealer:** North **Vul:** NS**West North East South**

	1NT	Pass	2♥	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT	
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

After North's 15-17 point NT opening, South bids 2♥ to show spades and 3NT to show game values with only 5 spades. North may be tempted to pass with his balanced hand, but his 3 spades and diamond weakness should encourage him to remove to 4♠.

Board: 722**Dealer:** Vul: None**West North East South**

		Pass	1NT	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

North has a weak hand with a long minor suit, so starts with the transfer bid of 2♠. This forces South to rebid 3♣, over which North signs off in diamonds.

Board: 729**Dealer:** South **Vul:** NS**West North East South**

			1NT	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

North shows 8-9 points with exactly 5 spades by transferring into 2♠ and rebidding 2NT. With a minimum hand and spade support South chooses the partscore contract in spades.

Board: 149**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None**West North East South**

			1NT	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

South's 5 card minor suit doesn't put him off opening 1NT, since his hand is essentially balanced. North shows his spades with 2♥ and South dutifully completes the transfer by bidding 2♠. North isn't strong enough to bid again.

Board: 733**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None**West North East South**

			1NT	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

North invites game in spades by transferring to 2♠ and continuing with 3♠. With a minimum hand and only 2 spades South has no hesitation in passing.

Board: 157**Dealer:** West **Vul:** NS**West North East South**

Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

South wants to sign off in diamonds, but can't do so by bidding 2♦, since this would be a transfer, showing 5+ hearts. He therefore bids 2♠, asking North to bid 3♣. South continues with 3♦, which is now a sign off.

Note: some partnerships play a convention known as McKendrick, where the 2♠ response might also show exactly 8 points. Opener rebids 2NT with 15-16 and 3♣ with 17 points. On this hand the auction would be exactly the same. McKendrick is essentially a "cost nothing" adjunct to the weak takeout in a minor suit.

Board: 726**Dealer:** South **Vul:** None**West North East South**

			1NT	
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

North shows game values and exactly 5 hearts by transferring to 2♥ and rebidding 3NT. With only two hearts South is happy to pass.

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