

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7

16  
6 9  
9

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1<sup>♠</sup>.

SOUTH has good <sup>♠</sup> support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton <sup>♠</sup>£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2<sup>♠</sup>

NORTH cannot bid game yet, after all, SOUTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3<sup>♠</sup> bid in hopes that SOUTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

SOUTH comes through with 4<sup>♠</sup>.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ A 7  
♦ J 9 8 5  
♣ 9 6 4

11  
7 10  
12

West

Pass  
Pass

3 ♥ by South

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 6  
♥ K J 8 5 2  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ 8 5

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

♠ A 10 4  
♥ 10 3  
♦ Q 10 3  
♣ K J 10 7 2

South

1 ♥  
Pass

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
7 10  
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

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



♠ Q J  
♥ J 8 5 4  
♦ A 9 8 3  
♣ Q J 7

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

3 ♥

SOUTH has 11 points and she should pass.

NORTH has a minimum 1

♠

opening, 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

♠

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but NORTH can add and he knows the total

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
10 11  
13

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North

2 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a normal 1<sup>st</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

SOUTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. NORTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8  
 ♥ 10 9 6  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ K Q 10 8 5

15  
 7 7  
 11

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



♠ K 6 4 2  
 ♥ J 8 5  
 ♦ K 3 2  
 ♣ A 6 2

♠ 10  
 ♥ A 7 4 3 2  
 ♦ Q 10 9 4  
 ♣ J 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points NORTH should open 1♠.

SOUTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

NORTH adds: her 16 plus SOUTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 3 2  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ J 7 3  
♣ A 8 7 4

11  
8 5  
16

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ A K Q 7

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ Q 9 5



♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 3

North

3♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♠

4♠

SOUTH has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal SOUTH will open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) ♠ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3♠.

SOUTH adds the points and ignores the fact that his ♠ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4♠.