

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4  
♥ J 10 4  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ K Q 7 5 3

12  
6 9  
13

♠ K J 9 7  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A K J 6 2  
♣ 10 2



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

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

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
|              |       |      | 1 ♣   |
| Pass         | 1 ♦   | Pass | 1 ♥   |
| Pass         | 1 ♠   | Pass | 2 ♠   |
| Pass         | 4 ♠   | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass         |       |      |       |
| 4 ♠ by North |       |      |       |

NORTH's 1<sup>st</sup> bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the 1<sup>st</sup> bid shows a real suit.

So SOUTH shows the 4-card support and NORTH bids game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
9 10  
14

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



♠ A 6 4  
♥ A K 9 7 2  
♦ 7  
♣ K 8 6 5

♠ J 5 2  
♥ 10 8  
♦ A Q J 5 2  
♣ Q 10 3

| <i>West</i>  | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|              |              |             | 1 ♥          |
| Pass         | 2 ♥          | Pass        | 3 ♣          |
| Pass         | 4 ♥          | Pass        | Pass         |
| Pass         |              |             |              |
| 4 ♥ by South |              |             |              |

SOUTH could make a Help Suit Game  
Try in either  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s or  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  £s.

But she doesn't need the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  help as  
much as she does in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  £s, so she chooses  
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  £s.

NORTH doesn't have a strong hand but  
has excellent help in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  £s

so he bids the game.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

13  
 6 7  
 14

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



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

♠ A 9 4 3  
 ♥ Q 4 3 2  
 ♦ J 10 6  
 ♣ 7 5

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
|      |      |      | 1 ♣  |
| Pass | 1 ♦  | Pass | 1 ♠  |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |

Pass  
 3 NT by North

Could NORTH bid 2

♠™

, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so. SOUTH does not have four

♠™

s

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠™ s.

NORTH should ignore the

♠™

suit and bid 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K Q 9 6 3

13  
6 9  
12

♠ Q 5 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A K 9 8

♣ A 8 7 4



♠ A K 10 6 3

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ 6 3

♣ 5

♠ J 8

♥ A 10 2

♦ Q J 10 5 4

♣ J 10 2

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

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

1 ♦

2 ♣

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

SOUTH cannot bid 2

♠

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

♠

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

♠

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must

hold five ♠ s and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

12  
 8 9  
 11

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



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

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

| West        | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
|             | 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    |
| Pass        | 1NT   | Pass | 2♣    |
| Pass        | 2♦    | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass        |       |      |       |
| 2♦ by North |       |      |       |

suit.

SOUTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

SOUTH bids 2<sup>TM</sup>£ as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH has three

â<sup>TM</sup>Ÿ

s.

NORTH does not have three

â<sup>TM</sup>Ÿ

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid Notrump again without a â<sup>TM</sup>£ stopper.

So NORTH rebids the 5-card

â<sup>TM</sup>!