

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ J 4  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ A K 9 8 6

8 13  
8 11

♠ Q J 2  
♥ K 9 7 5  
♦ K Q 2  
♣ Q 5 3

N  
W E  
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♠ 5  
♥ A Q 10 6 3  
♦ A J 10 4  
♣ 10 7 2

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
2 ♠ by South

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2â™.

NORTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

**18**  
**5 9**  
**8**

♠ Q J 2  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ A 7 2  
♣ A 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2â™.

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game. Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. The will probably make just ten tricks.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

10 9  
8 13

West

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



♠ 4  
♥ K Q 10 9 4 3  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ K 8 2

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

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by South

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> Y

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> bid will shut him out, and 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

**Deal 4**

South Deals	♠ K Q 7 6
None Vul	♥ A 6 2
	♦ 5 3
	♣ A Q 8 3
♠ A 10 9	♠ J 8 5 2
♥ J 9 7 3	♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 10 7 4	♦ A
♣ K 6 5	♣ J 10 4 2

<sup>15</sup> 8    11 6	 ♠ 4 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2 ♣ 9 7
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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♦ by South			

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

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bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening 1 NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3 NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if NORTH is unable to reach the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win six tricks if

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s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K  
♥ 10 5 4  
♦ Q 10 9 8  
♣ Q J 10 5 2

**16**  
8 10  
6

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ A  
♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7



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

♠ 8 7  
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2  
♦ 5  
♣ 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			3 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

Here NORTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

NORTH assumes that SOUTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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