

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
6 8  
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

W N E S

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 2

North

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

4 ♠

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

♥

♠.

NORTH has ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the ♠ fit so he bids game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
10 3  
14

*West*

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



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

*North*

Dbl

3 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

♥

s and ♠s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

♥

♠.

SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

♦

stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 8 4 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ A K Q 5 3 2  
♣ 10 7



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

13  
9 5  
13

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

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

NORTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

♥

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1♠.

SOUTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2♣ and NORTH

has enough strength to bid game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ J 9

15

11 1

13

*West*

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 9

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A K 6 3

♣ K Q 7 5



♠ A 10 5 3 2

♥ A J 10

♦ 9 8 7

♣ A 8

*North*

Dbl

3 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

♥

in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

♥

s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4 3 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ Q 10 7 3 2  
♣ 8 3

19  
5 9  
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 6  
♥ A 9 6 4 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ K 6 2

North

1 ♣

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

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

SOUTH would have responded 1

♥

if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

♥

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

♥

,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

9  
9 8  
14

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

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

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has four ♠s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠s, but he does have

♥

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♣s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 7**

South Deals      ♠ A K 6 3 2  
 None Vul      ♥ 9 3  
                     ♦ 9 7 2  
                     ♣ Q 9 2

♠ 10		♠ J 8 5 4
♥ K Q 10 5 4		♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 10 5 3		♦ J 8 4
♣ A 6 3		♣ 8 7 5

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

9			
11   6			
14			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by North			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

NORTH has five ♠s, this time so she bids 1♠.

SOUTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

NORTH has 10 points so she passes.

**Deal 8**

East Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 8 6  
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K 10 9 4

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that  
 NORTH has promised as a minimum and  
 goes straight

to 4

♥

.

If NORTH had significantly more than 11  
 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.



**Deal 9**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
9 13  
6

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

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



♠ 9 7  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ 10 8 6  
♣ K 10 9 4

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

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

♥

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the ♠ bid, SOUTH can jump to 3

♥

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

♥

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**Deal 10**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 5  
♥ Q 8 5 2  
♦ J 10 5 4  
♣ 9 6

13  
4 12  
11

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by South

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



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

North

2 ♦  
4 ♠

East

1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass

South

1 ♠  
3 ♠  
Pass

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♠ which NORTH would pass.

**Deal 11**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A K J 10 5 4

♣ J

9  
12 6  
13

*West*

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

*North*

1 ♠

2 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ —

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ K Q 10 9 5 4

*South*

2 ♦

Pass

Compare this to Deal 10.

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since NORTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, SOUTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which SOUTH passes.

**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 6 3

♣ J 7 4

11  
9 0  
20

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q J 9 3

♦ A 10 8 2

♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8

♥ A K 10 8 7

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K 6

♠ 10 6 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 5

♣ 10 9 5 3 2

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

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

2 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

SOUTH has a maximum 1

♥

opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

♥

s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 8 9  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 10 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A 10 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2

♥ A Q J 3

♦ J 8 4

♣ J 9 8 2

North

1 ♦

1 NT

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

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

SOUTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1♠ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

SOUTH should pass.

**Deal 14**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 3 2

♣ A Q J 6 5 3

13  
9 11  
7

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 8 6

♣ K 10 4

♠ A K 6 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 10 9 7

♣ 9 8 2



♠ J 10 8

♥ A K Q 10 5 2

♦ J 5 4

♣ 7

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

1 ♦

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

With five ♠s SOUTH bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

NORTH knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

SOUTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

**Deal 15**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
1 13  
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

North

1 ♦

2 ♥

Pass

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

W N E  
S

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

East

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

4 ♥

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After EAST's overcall, SOUTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

NORTH bids 2

♥

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by NORTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

SOUTH has 13 points so he bids 4

♥

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**Deal 16**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 9 7 3

♣ A Q 9 2

8

12 7

13

West

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ J 10

♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K J 10

North

Dbl

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♦

2 ♠



NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

SOUTH also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

NORTH is happy to pass.



**Deal 17**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
3 11  
14

*West*

Pass  
Pass

4♥ by North

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

*North*

1♥  
3♥  
Pass

*East*

1♠  
Pass  
Pass

*South*

2♠  
4♥

SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit Raise strength and

♥

support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can only return to 3

♥

.

SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points he promised, so he now bids 4

♥

.

**Deal 18**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 6 5 2

♣ 5

11  
7 10  
12

*West*

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 8 6 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q 9 7

♣ A Q 8 2



♠ 9 7

♥ A K J 8 7

♦ 4 3

♣ K J 10 4

*North*

Dbl

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ K 10

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ A J 8

♣ 9 7 6 3

NORTH has a 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to WEST's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

SOUTH has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and NORTH passes.

1 ♥

3 ♣

*South*

**Deal 19**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

19  
0 11  
10

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 7

♦ K 2

♣ 8



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4

♣ Q J 6 5 2

*North*

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

*East*

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

*South*

3 ♦

5 ♦

Pass

SOUTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

NORTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

SOUTH says he has one so NORTH bids the slam.

**Deal 20**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 7 6 2  
 ♥ 10 4 2  
 ♦ 10 8 4  
 ♣ 10

13  
 8 6  
 13

West

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 8

♥ A J 9 3

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ Q J 8 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 9 5 3

♥ K Q 8 7

♦ J 3

♣ A K 5 4

North

Dbl

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH can't bid 3

♥

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH has four

♥

s and he now bids them.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 4

♥

.

**Deal 21**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 9  
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ K Q J 4



♠ K 10 6 5

♥ J 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

3 ♠

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

**Deal 22**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ 10 9 7 5 3

12  
5 11  
12

♠ 9 7 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A K J 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 8 2

♦ 7 4 2

♣ Q 8 2

♠ K J 10 8 3

♥ 9 7 5 4

♦ A K 9 5

♣ —

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

1 ♣

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 13 points and a 5-card

♥

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

♥

.

Knowing SOUTH has five

♥

s NORTH can support with just three.

SOUTH bids the

♥

game.

**Deal 23**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q 9 8 7  
♣ 10 5

14  
2 13  
11

West

Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by North

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



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

North

1 ♥  
4 ♥

East

2 ♣  
Pass

South

3 ♣  
Pass

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

SOUTH has a Limit Raise hand but after EAST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by SOUTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH has just enough that she can bid 4

♥

, knowing that if SOUTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

SOUTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

**Deal 24**

North Deals

None Vul

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

18  
 4 10  
 8

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

North

1 ♥

3 NT

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

SOUTH has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s  
 so she responds 1 NT.

NORTH has 19 points with a balanced  
 hand so he bids 3 NT.