

Deal 1	♠ 9		
North Deals	♥ K Q J 7		
None Vul	♦ A K 6		
	♣ A Q 10 5 4		
♠ K 4 3 2		♠ A Q J 7 5	
♥ 8 5		♥ 10 3	
♦ Q 10 7 3 2		♦ J 9 5	
♣ 8 3		♣ J 9 7	
19	♠ 10 8 6		
5 9	♥ A 9 6 4 2		
7	♦ 8 4		
	♣ K 6 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH would have responded 1

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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

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s and enough points to bid game.

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

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 2

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

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



9	♠ 10 9 7
9 8	♥ K 8 7
14	♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

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

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

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

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

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A 6 3

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

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11 6
14

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

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♠ J 8 5 4
♥ A 6 2
♦ J 8 4
♣ 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
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 4

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



11	♠ A 5 2
8 6	♥ A Q 10 9 3
15	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

happily pass.

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™ .

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

to 4

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