

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 6

♥ 9 6 4 3

♦ 10 7 3

♣ A K J 10 9

12	8 6	14



♠ Q J 10 9 8 5

♥ —

♦ Q J 9 5 4

♣ 6 2

♠ K 4 2

♥ A K 7 5

♦ A 2

♣ 8 7 5 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

SOUTH's 2 NT bid is Jacoby, showing a game-forcing



raise.

NORTH has a minimum opening hand with nothing extra to show, so signs off at 4



4 ♥ by North

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 13 15  
 4

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ 7  
 ♥ 9 7 5 3  
 ♦ 9 7 6  
 ♣ A 9 7 4 3

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

WEST's 2 NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing ♠ raise.

EAST's 3 NT bid shows extra strength, a 5-card trump suit and no singleton/void. This is

definitely NOT a suggestion to play Notrump - the trump suit is already agreed as ♠s.

WEST cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4♠ which EAST passes.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ 8 7 4 2  
♦ 10 5 3 2  
♣ A Q 8 5  
  
13  
6 7  
14

♠ K Q 5 3  
♥ Q J 5  
♦ K Q  
♣ 9 7 3 2  
  
N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A J 10 7 6 2

♥ K 10

♦ A J 6

♣ J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

Following NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT, SOUTH bids 3♠. This is stronger than 4♠ and

shows a 6-card suit.

NORTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4♠ which SOUTH passes.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7

♠ 8

♥ 3 2

♦ A K 8 6 4

♣ J 9 5 3 2

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

8  
14 14  
4  
♣ A 10 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by West

The 3♣ bid shows a singleton / void in ♣s.

EAST doesn't have much strength above what she has already shown, but she takes advantage

of the bidding level to make a control-showing 3



bid.

WEST is concerned about the



suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that EAST doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4♠ and EAST passes.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>14</sup>  
5 8  
<sup>13</sup>

♠ A Q J 7 4 3  
♥ K Q J 5  
♦ J 3  
♣ 7

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♠ by North



This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids 3♣ to show shortage, SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

♦

.

NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

♦

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6♠.

**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
17 14  
4

♠ 10 9 7 4

♥ 3

♦ 10 8 6 5 2

♣ A J 7

W N E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥		Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by East			

EAST's 3

♥

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what WEST was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

♥

if EAST has three Aces, bid 6

♥

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

♥

if he has just one. If East has no Aces WEST will get a new partner.

**Deal 7**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ A 9 5	♣ K Q 10
♥ 8 6 4 2	♦ Q 5	
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2	♦ K 5	
♣ 8 4 2	♣ K Q 10 6 4	♣ A 9 7 6 3

**15**  
**4 4**  
**17**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South



SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five ♠s by her 3 NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

♥

.

Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4 ♠.  
 Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

♥

denied first-round control in both ♣s and

♦

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

**♠ K Q J 8 5****♥ K J 7****♦ Q 8 5****♣ 8 4****5  
12 15  
8****♠ 9****♥ 6 5 3 2****♦ J 7 6****♣ A 10 7 5 3****W N E S****♠ A 7 6 3****♥ A Q 8 4****♦ 9 4****♣ K Q 2****♠ 10 4 2****♥ 10 9****♦ A K 10 3 2****♣ J 9 6**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by West

WEST has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after EAST's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4♠.

EAST would have cooperated if WEST had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Deal 9**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
6 9  
<sub>12</sub>

West  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♥ by North

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

N  
W S E

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

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

North  
1 ♥  
4 ♥

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
Pass  
Pass

SOUTH's 4♣ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

♥

s and a singleton or void in ♣s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's ♣ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

♥

game.

**Deal 10**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 13 15  
 4

*West*  
 2 NT  
 4 ♠  
 4 ♠ by East

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

*North*      *East*      *South*  
 Pass      1 ♠      Pass  
 Pass      3 ♠      Pass  
 Pass      Pass      Pass

EAST bids 3♠ to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

WEST's failure to make a Control bid in either ♣s,

♦

S

or

♥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So EAST settles for game.

**Deal 11**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ J 7 6 5 4</b> <b>♥ —</b> <b>♦ Q J 8 3 2</b> <b>♣ Q 10 5</b>  <b>16</b> <b>6 4</b> <b>14</b>	<b>♠ A 9 8 3</b> <b>♥ K Q 8 3</b> <b>♦ A K 4</b> <b>♣ 7 2</b>  <b>♠ 10 2</b> <b>♥ 5 4 2</b> <b>♦ 10 6 5</b> <b>♣ K J 8 4 3</b>  <b>♠ K Q</b> <b>♥ A J 10 9 7 6</b> <b>♦ 9 7</b> <b>♣ A 9 6</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3

♥

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

**Deal 12**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 2

♠ 10 5 2

♥ Q 9 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ 9 7 5 4



♠ K 7 6 3

♥ J 8 3

♦ K Q

♣ A K 8 3

♠ J

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3

♣ 10 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by West

WEST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4♣ and 4

♥

are Control-showing bids.

EAST knows they are missing the

♦

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain WEST holds the trump Ace.

**Deal 13**

North Deals	♠ K Q J
None Vul	♥ K Q J 8 4
	♦ 9 4
	♣ J 6 5

♠ 10 5 4 2	♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 2	♥ 7 6
♦ Q 8 5	♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A 8 3 2	♣ 10 7

N		E
W		S

13	3
6 7	A 9 5 3
14	♦ A J 10 2
	♣ K Q 9 4

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

SOUTH's 3♠ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the ♠ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one ♠ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

♥

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**Deal 14**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
14 13  
5

*West*  
3 ♠  
4 ♦  
5 ♥  
Pass  
6 ♥ by East

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2  
♦ 9 8 5  
♣ J 10 7

W	N
S	E

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

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

1 ♥

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's ♠ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4♣

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

♦

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

**Deal 15**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
5 9  
13

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

♠ 10 3 2  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ A 8 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for SOUTH's 1

♥

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2♣.

When SOUTH next says 2 NT NORTH can jump to 4

♥

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and

reached the 4

♥

game, give yourself credit anyway.

**Deal 16**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ Q 10

♦ A 4 3

♣ 10 8 4 3

♠ 3

♥ K J 9 6 5 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q 5



♠ K Q J

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A J 9 2

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

West      North      East      South

1 ♥      Pass      2 NT      Pass

3 ♠      Pass      4 ♣      Pass

4 NT      Pass      5 ♥      Pass

Pass      Pass

5 ♥ by West

WEST bids 3♠ to show a strong hand with a singleton ♠.

After EAST shows her first-round ♣ control WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

♥

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**Deal 17**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ A 9 4 3

<sup>12</sup>  
8      7  
<sub>13</sub>

N  
W      E  
S

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

NORTH bids 4♣ after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card ♣ suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

♥

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

♦

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the ♠A, so he just bids 4

♥

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**Deal 18**East Deals  
None Vul

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

11 7  
 17  
 5

West

3 ♠  
 Pass  
 4 ♠ by East

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

Pass  
 Pass

North  
 1 ♠  
 Pass

East  
 4 ♠  
 Pass

South  
 Pass  
 Pass

WEST should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2 NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

EAST has more than enough strength to bid game after WEST's limit raise. If WEST had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2 NT response, EAST would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.

**Deal 19**

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

♠ —	♠ A 7 2
♥ 9 6 5 3 2	♥ 10 4
♦ J 6 5 4	♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 8 4 2	♣ 10 9 7 6 3



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♠ by South			

SOUTH bids 3 NT to show a good hand with five ♠s.

NORTH shows his

♦

control, and SOUTH then shows her

♥

control.

A final check with Blackwood shows two Aces missing. Too bad.

**Deal 20**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 5 2

♥ A 3

♦ J 6 2

♣ K Q

♠ 10 4 3

♥ J 5

♦ K 10 3

♣ 10 9 7 6 3

N  
W E  
S

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

4  
16 15  
5  
♦ —  
♥ 10 7 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 7 5  
♣ J 8 4 2

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

WEST shows his 6-card ♠ suit by bidding 3♠.

EAST shows her ♣ control and WEST shows his

♥

control,

but it seems neither has a control in

♦

s.

So they stop in game.

**Deal 21**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



17	♠ K J 8 4
4 4	♦ A K 9 4 3
15	♦ A 9 6
	♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by North			

NORTH might just use Jacoby 2 NT since he has great

♥

support and

more than 13 points. But, he has so much more than 13 points that he should inform partner by

making a jump-shift. He plans to return to

♥

s later.

SOUTH has different plans. Knowing partner has five ♠s and 17 or more points she pushes

straight to the ♠ slam.

It didn't matter, slam is cold in either Major.

**Deal 22**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ Q J 10 9 6 5

♣ J 5

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ A K 8 2

♣ K 8



♠ A Q J 8 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 3

♣ A Q 9 6 3

6  
17 13  
4

♠ 5 4 2  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ 7 4  
♣ 10 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

7 ♠

ALL

Pass

7 ♠ by East

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***Deal 23***

**Deal 23**

West Deals

None Vul

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

16 7  
4 13

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

W N E  
S

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

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

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
 1 ♥      Pass      4 ♣      Pass  
 4 ♦      Pass      4 ♥      Pass  
 4 ♠      Pass      6 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      Pass  
 6 ♥ by West

EAST bids 4♣, showing

♥

support, 13+ points and a singleton  
or void in ♣s.

WEST first shows her

♦

A, then, when EAST signs off,  
makes one more try by showing her ♠A.  
EAST finally gets inspired and bids the  
slam.

**Deal 24**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 7 5  
<sub>13</sub>

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has a very minimum 2 NT bid, but when NORTH shows ♣ shortness she can Control-bid

her



A without showing extra values.

NORTH's hand became huge when he heard about SOUTH's



A.

When Blackwood shows they hold three Aces he bids what he expects to be a comfortable slam.