

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14

West
Pass
4 ♥ by North

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

North
1 ♥
Pass

Pass

East
Pass
Pass

South
4 ♥

NORTH has a minimum 1

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opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH also has opening hand strength, 14 points for him. He also has four of NORTH's

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s. He applies the "He who knows, goes" principle and

bids 4

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Most experienced bridge pairs would not bid the hand quite this way, although they

would arrive at the same contract. See some of the other BakerBridge lessons for more details.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 2
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ Q 7 6 4
 ♣ J 8 4

6
 11 19
 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 3
 ♥ 9 8 7 6
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ K Q 3

♠ A J 10 8 7 4
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 9

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♠		Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6♠ by East			

EAST has a powerful hand (21 points) with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1â™ .

WEST has an 11-point Limit Raise with four trumps. She jumps to 3â™ .

EAST now knows that the partnership holds at least 32 points, perhaps 33. Since he can see that

the opponents have no way to win the first two tricks he decides to bid the slam, 6â™

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K Q 10 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

8
11 8
13

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ 9
♣ K 8 6 3

♠ K 8
♥ K J 10 8
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2
♥ 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 4

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

SOUTH has 14 points and opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} , her 5-card Major.

NORTH could bid 3 \hat{a}^{TM} , a Limit Raise with his 11 points. But it is often a good idea,

when you have five of the Major suit that partner opened with, to just go ahead and bid

the game. So North should bid 4 \hat{a}^{TM} here.

See the NOTE in Deal 13. When you use weaker 5-card support hands for your jump to game, you

need to find another way to describe your opening-hand-strength type hands.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

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

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

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



♠ 9 4
 ♥ A K 5 2
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ K 9 6 2

WEST has 13 points so he must open. He has five

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should open 1

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EAST, with 14 points and four

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s knows there are

enough points for a game contract and at least nine

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s between

the partners. She who KNOWS, GOES, so EAST bids 4

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This is similar to Deal 13.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

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

19
 3 6
12



♠ K 9
 ♥ A K J 6 5
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ A 7 6

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J 9 8 2
 ♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K Q 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

NORTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

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SOUTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

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NORTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows SOUTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

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Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2	♦ 6 5	♣ A K Q J 10 2	♠ 10
♥ K Q 3		♦ J 10 3 2	♦ 6 5 3
♦ 8 6		♣ A K Q J 10 2	♦ J 10 9
♣ 9 5		♦ 8 6	♦ A Q 5 4
		♣ 8 7 4 3	♣ 6
		♠ K	
		♦ A 8 7 4 2	
7 11		♦ K 9 7	
10 12		♣ 8 7 4 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

WEST passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

EAST naturally opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} with her 13 point, 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit hand.

WEST might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Deal 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14



♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul
♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ J 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ K Q 3

♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 9

♠ 5
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

6
11 19
4

Deal 9

North Deals

♠ J 10 9 4 3

♥ A 5 3

E-W Vul

♦ 9

♣ K 8 6 3

♠ Q

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

N
W S E

♠ K 8

♥ K J 10 8

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 4

8
11 8
13

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8

W N E S

♠ 9 4

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K J 10 6 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 7 5 4

5
12 14
9

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
3 6
12

♠ K 9
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 2

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals	♠ 10
N-S Vul	♥ 6 5
	♦ J 10 3 2
	♣ A K Q J 10 2
♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2	♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ K Q 3	♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 6	♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 9 5	♣ 6
	♠ K
	♥ A 8 7 4 2
	♦ K 9 7
	♣ 8 7 4 3

N
W E
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11
7 12
10

Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3



♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

12
9 5
14

♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ K Q 3

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ J 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 9

6
11 19
4

♠ 5
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 9 4 3

♥ A 5 3

♦ 9

♣ K 8 6 3

♠ Q

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8
♥ K J 10 8
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 4

8
11 8
13

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8



♠ 9 4

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K J 10 6 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 7 5 4

5
12 **14**
9

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
3 6
12

♠ K 9
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 2

N
W E
S

Deal 18

	♠ 10
East Deals	♥ 6 5
N-S Vul	♦ J 10 3 2
	♣ A K Q J 10 2
♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2	♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ K Q 3	♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 6	♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 9 5	♣ 6
	♠ K
	♥ A 8 7 4 2
7 10 11 12	♦ K 9 7
	♣ 8 7 4 3

N
W E
S

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

Deal 20

West Deals	♠ 6 3
Both Vul	♥ 9 8 7 6
	♦ J 9 8 5
	♣ K Q 3
♠ K Q 9 2	♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ Q J	♥ A K 5
♦ Q 7 6 4	♦ A K 3
♣ J 8 4	♣ 9
	♠ 5
	♥ 10 4 3 2
	♦ 10 2
	♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

N
W E
S

6
11 19
4

Deal 21 ♠ J 10 9 4 3

North Deals ♥ A 5 3

N-S Vul ♦ 9

♣ K 8 6 3

♠ Q

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8
♥ K J 10 8
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 4

8
11 8
13

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8

W N
S E

♠ 9 4

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K J 10 6 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 7 5 4

5
12 14
9

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ J 7
♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
3 6
12

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 2

Deal 24

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

N
W E
S

11
7 10 12

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 10 8 3

♦ K Q J

♣ 9 6 2

♠ J 9

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 4 2

♣ 10 8 7 5 3

♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ Q J 4

12
9 5
14

♠ A 6 4

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 7 6 5 3

♣ A K

Deal 26

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ J 8 4

♠ 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 9

♠ 5
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

6
11 19
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Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 4 3

♥ A 5 3

♦ 9

♣ K 8 6 3

♠ Q

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

N
W E
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♠ K 8

♥ K J 10 8

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 4

8
11 8
13

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8



♠ 9 4

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K J 10 6 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 7 5 4

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12 **14**
9

Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ J 7
♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
3 6
12

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10
♥ 6 5
♦ J 10 3 2
♣ A K Q J 10 2

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ K Q 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ J 10 9
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 6

♠ K
11
7 12
10
♦ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 7
♣ 8 7 4 3

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

Deal 32

West Deals	♠ 6 3
E-W Vul	♥ 9 8 7 6
	♦ J 9 8 5
	♣ K Q 3
♠ K Q 9 2	♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ Q J	♥ A K 5
♦ Q 7 6 4	♦ A K 3
♣ J 8 4	♣ 9
6 11 19 4	♠ 5 ♥ 10 4 3 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

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W E
S

Deal 33 ♠ J 10 9 4 3

North Deals ♥ A 5 3

None Vul ♦ 9

♣ K 8 6 3

♠ Q

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8

♥ K J 10 8

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 5

♠ A 7 6 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 4

8
11 8
13

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8

W N
S E♠ 9 4
♥ A K 5 2
♦ K J 3
♣ K 9 6 25
12 14
9♠ K J 10 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 5 4

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ J 7
♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
3 6
12

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 2

Deal 36

West Deals	♠ 10
Both Vul	♥ 6 5
	♦ J 10 3 2
	♣ A K Q J 10 2
♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2	♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ K Q 3	♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 6	♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 9 5	♣ 6
	♠ K
	♥ A 8 7 4 2
	♦ K 9 7
	♣ 8 7 4 3

N
W E
S

11
7 12
10