

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

12

5

18



♠ 7 2

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

NORTH has a minimum 1â™ opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

SOUTH hears the 1â™ bid and all he wants to know is whether NORTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4 NT.

NORTH has two Aces so she bids 5

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(5â™F would show zero Aces,

5

â™I

would show one Ace, etc).

SOUTH has heard enough and bids 6â™.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 3

8
9 15
8

West
1 NTPASS
4 ♥
4 ♥ by East

♠ K J 10 9 3
♥ J 10 3
♦ Q
♣ J 10 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5 2
♣ K Q 2

North East South
1 ♥
3 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

EAST has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

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WEST, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1 NT.

EAST shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

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, which

WEST raises to 4

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since two trumps is now adequate support.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

♠ J 10 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

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

SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

NORTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

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SOUTH now shows his 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, which SOUTH happily passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 8

5
17 15
3

West *North* *East* *South*
 1 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
 6 NT Pass Pass Pass
 6 NT by West

♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ 9 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ 5 3

WEST has a maximum 17 point 1 NT bid.

EAST, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If WEST has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if WEST has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4 NT raise solves the problem. It tells WEST to bid 6 NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here WEST bids the slam.

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ Q J 9 8 3
♣ 10 5 3

12
7 10
11

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 2

W N E
S

♠ J 5 4
♥ K Q 9
♦ 10 6 2
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K 5
♣ J 7 6

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

SOUTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when NORTH opens 1 \hat{a} TM SOUTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has just 13 points, and knowing SOUTH has less than 13 he passes.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

9
9 14
8

West
4 ♥
4 ♥ by East

♠ K 6 4

♥ 9

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A J 10 7 2



♠ 10 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ J 10
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 3

North *East* *South*
Pass 1 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass Pass

After EAST opens with 1

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, WEST has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

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But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

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instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

Deal 7 ♠ Q J 10 8 3

South Deals ♥ A J 4

Both Vul ♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

12
5 5
18

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

W N E S

8
9 15
8

♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A 10 3

♣ A 9

♠ Q 8 5
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5 2
♣ K Q 2

Deal 9 ♠ J 10 8 3
North Deals ♥ A Q 7 4
E-W Vul ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

Deal 10 ♠ J 8 6 3 2

East Deals ♥ 9 2

Both Vul ♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A 10 6

♣ Q 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ Q J 7 2

♣ 5 3

5
17 15
3

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ A Q 8 6 2
None Vul	♥ J 5 3
	♦ 7 4
	♣ K Q 2
♠ 10	♠ J 5 4
♥ A 10 7 6	♥ K Q 9
♦ Q J 9 8 3	♦ 10 6 2
♣ 10 5 3	♣ A 9 8 4
	♠ K 9 7 3
12 7 10 11	♥ 8 4 2
	♦ A K 5
	♣ J 7 6



Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4
♥ 9
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

9
9 14
8

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ J 10
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

Deal 13 ♠ Q J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A J 4

Both Vul ♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

12
5 5
18

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

8

9 15

8



♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A 10 3

♣ A 9

♠ Q 8 5

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 8 5 2

♣ K Q 2

Deal 15 ♠ J 10 8 3
South Deals ♥ A Q 7 4
N-S Vul ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

Deal 16 ♠ J 8 6 3 2

West Deals ♥ 9 2

E-W Vul ♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A 10 6

♣ Q 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ Q J 7 2

♣ 5 3

5
17 15
3

Deal 17

North Deals ♠ A Q 8 6 2

None Vul ♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 5 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

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Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ 9

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 7 3

♥ Q 8 6 4 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ K 9 5

W N E S

♠ 10 8 2

♥ A K 7 5 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 6

♠ A Q J 9 5

♥ J 10

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 8 4 3

9
9 14
8

Deal 19 ♠ Q J 10 8 3

South Deals ♥ A J 4

E-W Vul ♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

12

5

18

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A 10 3

♣ A 9

♠ Q 8 5

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 8 5 2

♣ K Q 2

8
9 15
8

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 8 3

♥ A Q 7 4

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 6

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 5 4

W N E
S

♠ 9

♥ K J 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 8 4

♣ J 10 3

8
11 7
14

♠ K Q 7 4

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A K Q 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ 9 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A 10 6

♣ Q 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ Q J 7 2

♣ 5 3

5
17 15
3

Deal 23

South Deals ♠ A Q 8 6 2

Both Vul ♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 5 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

12
7 10
11

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 4
♥ 9
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

9
9 14
8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ J 10
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 3

Deal 25 ♠ Q J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A J 4

E-W Vul ♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

12

5

18

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

W N E S

♠ 6 2
♥ A K 8 7 6 2
♦ A 10 3
♣ A 9

8

9 15

8

♠ Q 8 5
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5 2
♣ K Q 2

Deal 27 ♠ J 10 8 3
South Deals ♥ A Q 7 4
None Vul ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

Deal 28 ♠ J 8 6 3 2

West Deals ♥ 9 2

N-S Vul ♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A 10 6

♣ Q 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ Q J 7 2

♣ 5 3

5
17 15
3

Deal 29

North Deals ♠ A Q 8 6 2

Both Vul ♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 5 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

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Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ 9

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 7 3

♥ Q 8 6 4 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ K 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 2

♥ A K 7 5 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 6

♠ A Q J 9 5

♥ J 10

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 8 4 3

9
9 14
8

Deal 31 ♠ Q J 10 8 3

South Deals ♥ A J 4

N-S Vul ♦ A 10

♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 5

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

12
5 5
18

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

8

9 15

8

W N E S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 8 5 2

♣ K Q 2

♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A 10 3

♣ A 9

Deal 33 ♠ J 10 8 3
North Deals ♥ A Q 7 4
None Vul ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ 9 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A 10 6

♣ Q 10 8

W N E S

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ Q J 7 2

♣ 5 3

5
17 15
3

Deal 35

South Deals ♠ A Q 8 6 2

E-W Vul ♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 5 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

12**7 10****11**

Deal 36

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 6 4
♥ 9
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

9
9 14
8

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ J 10
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 3