

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ 10 9 6 3
None Vul	♥ K Q 4
	♦ 9 6 4 2
	♣ A 7

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



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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass			Pass
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has good  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

SOUTH cannot bid game yet, after all, NORTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 2**

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



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

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

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

**Deal 3**

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

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

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but SOUTH can add and he knows the total

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
10 11  
13

West

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4



♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass  
2 ♠ by South

SOUTH has a normal 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. NORTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
 7 7  
<sup>15</sup>

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

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

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

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

With a 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit and 16 points  
SOUTH should open  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

NORTH has 11 points and four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , a Limit Raise.

SOUTH adds: her 16 plus NORTH's 11/12 equals a game,  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 6**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
8 5  
<sup>16</sup>

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

♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6  
♦ A K 6  
♣ K J 3

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal SOUTH will open 1â™.

NORTH has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) â™ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3â™.

SOUTH adds the points and ignores the fact that his â™ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4â™.