

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5
♥ A Q 10
♦ J 2
♣ J 10 7 6 4

10 9
4
♣ 9 2

♠ K J 8 7 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ A Q

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♠ 10 2
♥ J 6 4
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 2

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

SOUTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

NORTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

Deal 2

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

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W E
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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} TM.

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

It is easily worth a raise to 2 \hat{a} TM

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

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

NORTH comes through with 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 3
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

12
 10 7
 11

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♠ K J 6
 ♥ K J 8 5 2
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 8 5

♠ Q 9 5 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ 9 6 4

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

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

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SOUTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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NORTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.

Deal 4

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

11	♠ 8 6 3
10	♥ A K Q 7 2
12	♦ K 6
	♣ 10 9 5

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 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ J 8 3
♦ A K Q 10 6 2
♣ J 5 2

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11 **10**
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by North			

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

N	W	E	S
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NORTH has a normal 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 \hat{a} TM.

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

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.