

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

4
 11 8
 17

West

Pass

1 ♥ by South

♠ K 7 6 3

♥ J 4 2

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 8 6 5

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♠ A 5

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ K Q 6

♣ Q J 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♥

SOUTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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NORTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But NORTH
 only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So NORTH passes.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 7
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ A 7 5 4

6
7 11
16

♠ K 8 2
♥ K 5 4 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 3 2



♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

♠ A 10 3
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A J 10 9
♣ 10 6

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

now bid 4^{â™™} - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth ^{â™™}. This is a middle-range hand with five ^{â™™}s.

So he opens 1^{â™™}.

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

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But she does have three ^{â™™}s, so she can respond 2^{â™™}.

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3^{â™™}.

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 7
♣ A 9 6 3

8
9 12
11

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8



♠ A J 9 6 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A 6
♣ Q 5 4

North

Pass

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With 8 points, NORTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

SOUTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ^{â™™} each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1^{â™™}.

Although NORTH passed originally, she must respond to SOUTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ^{â™™} s she raises to 2^{â™™}.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 10 4

8
9 8
15

♠ J 6 5
♥ K 10 7 5
♦ A 8
♣ 9 8 6 2



♠ A K
♥ Q J 8 6 4 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 5

♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ J 10 9 6 5
♣ K Q 3

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

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton),
NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He
invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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