

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ A 9 7 6 3

17  
4 4  
15

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by North

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



♠ K J 9 7 2  
♥ A 9 5  
♦ Q 5  
♣ K Q 10

North

1 ♠  
3 NT  
4 ♠

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

2 NT  
4 ♥  
Pass

NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s by her 3 NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

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

.

Despite both partners showing extra strength North merely signs of at 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ . Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

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

denied first-round control in both  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£s}$  and

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

s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 5 8  
 12

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



♠ K Q J 8 5  
 ♥ K J 7  
 ♦ Q 8 5  
 ♣ 8 4

♠ 10 4 2  
 ♥ 10 9  
 ♦ A K 10 3 2  
 ♣ J 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4<sup>th</sup> .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ A J 10  
♣ 6 3 2

13  
6 9  
12

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ Q 8 4  
♥ A K 8 4 2  
♦ 4  
♣ K J 9 5



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

North

1♥

4♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

4♣

Pass

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

SOUTH's 4<sup>♣</sup> is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

4<sup>♣</sup>

s and a singleton or void in 4<sup>♣</sup>s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's 4<sup>♣</sup> shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

4<sup>♣</sup>

game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3  
 ♥ A 10 5 3  
 ♦ 10 7 6 4  
 ♣ 9 6 4

13  
 4 8  
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3



♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

SOUTH bids 3<sup>♠</sup> to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either <sup>♠</sup>£s,

<sup>♠</sup>!

s

or

<sup>♠</sup>¥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 2  
 ♥ 5 4 2  
 ♦ 10 6 5  
 ♣ K J 8 4 3

14  
 4 6  
 16

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ K Q  
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 6  
 ♦ 9 7  
 ♣ A 9 6



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

*North*

1 ♥

3 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

3 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

NORTH's 3

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bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
 ♥ Q 9 7 5  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

16  
 2 6  
 16

♠ K 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 8 3  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ A K 8 3



♠ A Q 9 8 4  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ Q J 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4<sup>TM</sup>£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

â<sup>TM</sup>|

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.