

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

9
11 6
14

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by North

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

2 ♠

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

NORTH has five \hat{a}^{TM} s, this time so she bids 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

SOUTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, so he bids 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

NORTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4

6
 11 15
 8

West

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ Q 4 3
 ♥ J 5 2
 ♦ J 8 4 2
 ♣ Q 6 3



♠ K J 10 8 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A 10 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♥

South

1 ♠

Pass

WEST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♠

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

EAST adds her 16 to the 11 that WEST has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

♠

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If WEST had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

6
 13 9
 12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4



♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A Q 2

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

â™Ÿ

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the â™Ÿ bid, NORTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 6 3

♣ K J 10 4

4
11 13
12

West

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

♠ J 10 5

♥ Q 8 5 2

♦ J 10 5 4

♣ 9 6



♠ 4

♥ J 10 7

♦ A K Q 8 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♦

4 ♠

South

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

EAST has the strength for a raise to game in 2nd s, but this could be dangerous since WEST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, EAST shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

WEST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3rd and EAST bids the game.

With a weak overcall WEST would have just returned to 2nd which EAST would pass.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A K J 10 5 4

♣ J

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

♠ —

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ K Q 10 9 5 4



♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

9
12 6
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

North

1 ♠

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

Compare this to Deal 10.

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in 2TMs, but this could be dangerous since NORTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, SOUTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2TM which SOUTH passes.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q J 9 3
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ Q 8

0
 11 20
 9

West

2 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 6 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 5

♣ 10 9 5 3 2

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♠ A K J 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 6 3

♣ J 7 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

South

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

EAST has a maximum 1

â™¥

opening bid.

WEST would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after SOUTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

EAST thinks there may be a slam and
 bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces.
 When WEST admits to one Ace

EAST bids the slam.