

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 5
♥ J 6 4
♦ T 7
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ A 8 3

♥ A 7

♦ K J 9 6 4

♣ Q J 5

	N	
W		E
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♠ Q 9 2
♥ T 8 5 3
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K T 8

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH
should open 1NT rather than 1

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6NT.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 2

♥ K J 5 4 3 2

♦ 7 4

♣ T 3

♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7



♠ K 4

♥ Q T 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

SOUTH does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ T 7 6
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q J T 8 7 5

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ A J 4

♦ A T

♣ 9 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A K 4

♠ A K 9 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

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NORTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect what's about to befall!

SOUTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is whether NORTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

NORTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,
5

would show one Ace, etc).

SOUTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ T 4

♦ Q 8 5 2

♣ K J T 2

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3



♠ K Q T 8 3

♥ J 9 3

♦ J 9

♣ Q 8 4

♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A T 3

♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

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SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

NORTH raises to 4

since two trumps is now adequate support.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K T 9 6 5
♦ K T 9 8
♣ J 8 4

♠ K Q 7 4

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A K Q 2

N
W
E
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♠ A 9 5 2
♥ J 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ T 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

2 ♠ by South

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 NORTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card suit.

SOUTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

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NORTH now shows his 4-card suit, and SOUTH again must bid. Since SOUTH is pretty weak he just raises to 2 which NORTH happily passes.