

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

14
 5 7
 14

♠ A Q 10 6
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A 8 7 4
 ♣ A 8 2



♠ K J 8 4
 ♥ A K 7 2
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ K 9 3

♠ 9 5 3
 ♥ Q J 9
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 10 7 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♠ by North			

With two 4-card Majors SOUTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding

1TM♥

s first.

Then, after NORTH bids 1TM♠, SOUTH has enough points to jump all the way to 4TM♠.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ J 10
♣ 8 5 4 3

11
5 8
16

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 9 6 3

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J 7



♠ K Q 10 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 10 6

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠] .

NORTH has excellent [♠] support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3[♠] , which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ Q 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 9 4

21
6 8
5

West

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2



♠ 8 7
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 7 3

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

NORTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2TM£ bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

SOUTH adds her 6 points to NORTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

2TM£

suit to be useful to SOUTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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

13
 9 10
 8

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K Q 8 2

♦ K 6

♣ 10 9 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 9 5

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ K J 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 6

♠ 8
♥ J 8 3
♦ A K Q 10 6 2
♣ J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

13
11 10
6

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 7 4

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

NORTH has a normal 1st opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2nd,

passed by NORTH.

SOUTH does not consider showing the

2nd

s,

first because she knows there is a 4th fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.