

Deal 1 ♠ A K 9 8 7 3

North Deals

None Vul

◆ J 4

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♠ J
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ A J 10 4
♣ 10 7 2

8

11 8
12

13

I Q J J

West *North*

West

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Pass
-up Nell

2 ♠ by North

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 8 6

<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	Pass	Pass

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	

Pass

2 ♠ by North

ANSWER

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ 10 4
♦ 10 5 3
♣ K Q 9 8 6

18
5 9
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♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 5 3

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♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 10 7 2

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2â™.

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game. Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. The will probably make just ten tricks.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 8 7 3	♦ 9 8 6
♥ 8 2	♣ J 4

♠ 4

♥ K Q 10 9 4 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ K 8 2



♠ 10 5

♥ A J 6

♦ J 10 4 3

♣ A 10 9 6

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

West

North

East

South

8

13

10

9

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by North

Once more, NORTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time SOUTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 \hat{a} TM anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

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if West gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 \hat{a} TM bid will shut him out, and 4 \hat{a} TM probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ K Q 7 6
None Vul	♥ A 6 2
	♦ 5 3
	♣ A Q 8 3
♠ A 10 9	♠ J 8 5 2
♥ J 9 7 3	♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 10 7 4	♦ A
♣ K 6 5	♣ J 10 4 2

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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♦ by South			

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

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bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening 1 NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3 NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if NORTH is unable to reach the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win six tricks if

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s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ J 7 3 2
 ♣ A K 3

6
10 8
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West *North* *East* *South*
 Pass 3 ♥ Pass Pass
 4 ♥ by North

♠ 8 7
 ♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 8 6 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ K
 ♥ 10 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 8
 ♣ Q J 10 5 2

♠ A J 10 6 4 3
 ♥ A
 ♦ A K 6 4
 ♣ 9 7

Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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