

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 8 6 2
♣ A K J

♠ 10
♥ A 6 3
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 7 3
♣ —

6
15 15
4
♣ 9 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	ALL	Pass	
4 ♣ by East			

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East has a big hand, perhaps in the slam range, but first priority is to set a trump suit. So she contents herself with a rebid of 2 ♠. West agrees on trumps by bidding 3 ♠ (not Fast Arrival).

East now makes her slam try by using a Control-showing cue-bid. She bids 4 ♣, showing first round control of the suit (Ace or Void).

West's next bid would be a control-showing bid of her own - IF SHE HAD ONE. Since she cannot win the first round of either red suit she just returns to 4 ♠. East realizes that they are off two red Aces and passes.

Notice that East did not fall into the Blackwood trap. If she HAD asked for Aces, West would have shown one Ace and East wouldn't know what to do next. She might have figured the odds favored that one Ace being a red one and tried the slam. Moral: Don't use Blackwood when you have a void.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

14
7 5
14

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

3 NT by South

North opens 1 ♠. South responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

North's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that South might also have 4 ♥s.

South doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2 NT. North happily says 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

6	14	13
7		

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

W	N	E	S
♠ K 6	♦ 9 5	♥ 7 4	♣ 10 9 7
♥ 9 5	♦ 10 8 5 4	♦ K Q 3	♦ A K J 7 3
♦ 10 8 5 4	♣ Q J 8 6 2	♣ 10 9 7	

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

game contract.

West opens 1 ♠. East responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

West's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that East might also have 4 ♥s.

East doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

West understands that East's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since West does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3 NT. In this case this turns out to be the best

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K J 9 6 ♣ K J 9 6 2	♠ A K 9 7 4 ♥ K Q 6 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 7
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	♠ J 6 3 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A 4 3
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12 10 8 10	♠ 10 8 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ Q 8 5
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♣ by North			

South passes and North opens **1 ♠**.

South now bids **2 ♦**. Since South originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

North next shows her 4-card **♥** suit. South gives a preference to **2 ♣**.

Knowing that South does not have opening strength North passes **2 ♣**.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

7
9 13
11

West
1 NT
2 ♠
2 ♠ by East

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 8
♥ Q 5
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 10 9 7 2

North *East* *South*
Pass 1 ♠ Pass
Pass 2 ♣ Pass
Pass Pass Pass

East opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ West must respond 1 NT.

In standard bidding East would happily pass a 1 NT response. But in 2/1 the 1 NT response is forcing for 1 round. East is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2 ♣.

West prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that East has bid a 3-card suit. So West gives a preference to 2 ♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

East happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1 NT.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 6

♥ 9

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 7 3

♥ J 10 6 5 3 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ 4

♠ K 9 2

♥ A K 8 7 4

♦ K 10 7

♣ 10 8

7
11 9
13

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 6 3

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ J 2

♦ Q J 8 6 2

♣ A K J

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ K 7 3

♣ —

6
15 15
4♠ 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5 4
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 4 3

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

N
W S E

♠ K 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
7 5
14♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 6 2

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A 10 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

6
14 13
7

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ A K 9 7 4
None Vul	♥ K Q 6 3
	♦ 7 3
	♣ 10 7
♠ Q 5	♠ J 6 3
♥ 9 5	♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ K J 9 6	♦ Q 10
♣ K J 9 6 2	♣ A 4 3
	♠ 10 8 2
12 10 8 10	♥ A 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ Q 8 5

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

7
9 13
11

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 8
♥ Q 5
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 10 9 7 2

Deal 13

North Deals

9

Both Vul

8 5 3

♦ K Q J 9 5 2

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3



♠ J 10 6

♥ 9

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2

7
11 9
13

♠ K 9 2
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

<p>♠ Q J 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 2 ♣ A K J</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 15 15 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ 10 5 ♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2</p> <p>N W E S</p> <p>♠ 5 3 ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ 9 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ —</p>
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Deal 15 ♠ A J 10 8 2

South Deals ♥ A K 8 2

N-S Vul ♦ Q 2

♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
7 5
14

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

Deal 16

West Deals ♠ K 6
E-W Vul ♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 6 2
♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A 10 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

6
14 13
7



♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ 10 7

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 5

♦ K J 9 6

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ J 6 3

♥ J 10 8 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 4 3



12
10 8
10

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 5

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

W N E S

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ A 8

♥ Q 5

♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

7
9 13
11

Deal 19

South Deals

♠ J 10 6

9

E-W Vul

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3



♠ Q 7 3

9 6 5 3 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ 4

♠ K 9 2

7

11 9

13

♦ A K 8 7 4

♦ K 10 7

♣ 10 8

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10
♥ A 6 3
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

♠ Q J 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 8 6 2
♣ A K J

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 7 3
♣ —

6
15 15
4

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5 4
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 4 3

Deal 21 ♠ A J 10 8 2

North Deals ♥ A K 8 2

N-S Vul ♦ Q 2

♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
7 5
14

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5



♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

6
14 **13**
7**♠ Q 9 5 3**
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

12
10 **8**
10

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 5

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 8
7
9 Q 5
11 ♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 10 9 7 2

Deal 25

North Deals

♠ J 10 6

♥ 9

E-W Vul

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3



7
11 9
13

♠ K 9 2
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 2	♠ 10	♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4
♥ J 2	♥ A 6 3	♥ K Q 7
♦ Q J 8 6 2	♦ 10 5	♦ K 7 3
♣ A K J	♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2	♣ —
15 6 15 4	♠ 5 3 ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ 9 4 3	



Deal 27 ♠ A J 10 8 2

South Deals ♥ A K 8 2

None Vul ♦ Q 2

♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
7 5
14

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 6 2

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A 10 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

6
14 13
7



♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

Deal 29 ♠ A K 9 7 4

North Deals ♥ K Q 6 3

Both Vul ♦ 7 3

♣ 10 7

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 5

♦ K J 9 6

♣ K J 9 6 2



♠ J 6 3

♥ J 10 8 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 4 3

♠ 10 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

12
10 8
10

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ K J 10 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ A 8

♥ Q 5

♦ K J 9 5

♣ J 10 9 7 2

7
9 13
11

Deal 31

South Deals

9

N-S Vul

8 5 3

♦ K Q J 9 5 2

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 7 3
♥ J 10 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ 4

♠ K 9 2

♥ A K 8 7 4

♦ K 10 7

♣ 10 8

7
11 9
13

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10
♥ A 6 3
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

♠ Q J 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 8 6 2
♣ A K J

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 7 3
♣ —

6
15 15
4

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5 4
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 4 3

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ 10 5

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

N
W S E

♠ K 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 7 6 2

14
7 5
14♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5



♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ 10 9 7

6
14 13
7

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

Deal 35

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 7

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ K J 9 6 2

12
10 8
10

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 10 8 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 4 3

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 5

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

7
9 13
11

♠ A 8
♥ Q 5
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 10 9 7 2