

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5  
 ♥ A Q 10  
 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ J 10 7 6 4

17  
 10 9  
 4

♠ K J 8 7 4  
 ♥ K 7 2  
 ♦ A 9 5  
 ♣ A Q



♠ A 6 3  
 ♥ 9 8 5 3  
 ♦ 8 6 4 3  
 ♣ 9 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

NORTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠<sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 3  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ 9 6 4 2  
♣ A 7

6  
9 16  
9

*West*

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

*North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

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

to open 1<sup>♠</sup>.

WEST has good <sup>♠</sup> support and 10  
points, counting 1 for the doubleton <sup>♠</sup>.

It is easily worth a raise to 2<sup>♠</sup>

EAST cannot bid game yet, after all,  
WEST could have as few as 6 points. But  
she can

continue with a 3<sup>♠</sup> bid in hopes that  
WEST actually has 9 or 10 points.

WEST comes through with 4<sup>♠</sup>.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ A 7

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ 9 6 4

11  
7 10  
12

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 9 6 4

♦ K 6 2

♣ A Q 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 6

♥ K J 8 5 2

♦ A 7 4

♣ 8 5

♠ A 10 4

♥ 10 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K J 10 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥  
Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

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NORTH has 11 points and good

♠

support so she jumps to 3

♠

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3  
♥ A K Q 7 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ 10 9 5

10  
12 11  
7

West

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by West

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



♠ A 10 9 7 2  
♥ 10 9  
♦ Q J  
♣ 8 6 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

3 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 11 points and she should pass.

WEST has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

EAST, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but WEST can add and he knows the total points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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**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

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4

13
11 10
6

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

NORTH has a normal 1♠<sup>TM</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. SOUTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.