

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ A J 10

♣ 6 3 2

13
6 9
12

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5



♠ K 3

♥ 5

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

s and a singleton or void in $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

game.

Deal 2

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



13
4 8
15

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
♥ Q J 7
♦ J 2
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH bids 3 \hat{a}^{TM} to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{E}s$,

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

s

or

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

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

14	♠ A 9 8 3
4 6	♥ K Q 8 3
16	♦ A K 4
	♣ 7 2



West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

NORTH's 3

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bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ 9 7 5 4

16
2 6
16

	N		J
W		E	
	S		

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3

♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4â™£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.