

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 3  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ J 9 8 3  
 ♣ 10 8

21  
 6 4  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

W N  
 S E

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

2♥

Pass

SOUTH is too weak to open 1

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but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

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s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

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**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
7 11  
7

West

Pass  
2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

♠ K 10 7 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 7 3

♣ A 10

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are delusional.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
9 7  
15

♠ K 8 4  
♥ A Q 10 6 4 2  
♦ 4  
♣ 9 6 5



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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH expects to be better off in 4♠ than NORTH would be in 2

4♠

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, NORTH should make the 3♠ bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the 4♠ game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 2

♥ 10 2

♦ A 10 9

♣ K 9 5 2

20  
7 6  
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ A



♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

North

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

NORTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

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with confidence.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

6  
 7 7  
 20

West

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

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♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A J 10

North

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

NORTH doesn't have much of a 3<sup>TM</sup>£ opening bid.

But SOUTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5<sup>TM</sup>£ would go down 1.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 6 3  
♥ Q 8 2  
♦ A K Q  
♣ K Q J

♠ 9 7 5  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ J 10 9 3  
♣ 9 6 3



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

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5 7  
5

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

West	North	East	South
			2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

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bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

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s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.