

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 9 7 6 3

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

♠ —
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2
♣ 8 4 2

♠ K J 9 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q 10

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

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s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five â™'s by her 3 NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

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Despite both partners showing extra strength North merely signs off at 4â™'. Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

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denied first-round control in both â™£s and

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ A Q 8 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 2

8
 15 12
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♠ 10 4 2
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ A K 10 3 2
 ♣ J 9 6

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♠ K Q J 8 5
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ 8 4

♠ 9
 ♥ 6 5 3 2
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ A 10 7 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠		Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by East			

EAST has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after WEST's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4 \hat{a} TM.

WEST would have cooperated if EAST had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7

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



♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3 2

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

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

He promises 13+ points, at least four

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$ s and a singleton or void in $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$ s.SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$ 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 4

West Deals	♠ 10 3
None Vul	♥ A 10 5 3
	♦ 10 7 6 4
	♣ 9 6 4

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



4	♠ 2
15 13	♥ 9 8 4 2
8	♦ A 5 3
	♣ A 10 7 5 2

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

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

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

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

s

or

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

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So WEST settles for game.

Deal 5

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 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3

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16 16
2



♠ J
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3
♣ 10 6

♠ 10 5 2
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ 9 7 5 4

♠ 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 East			

EAST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4â™£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

WEST knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain EAST holds the trump Ace.