

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 3  
 ♥ A 9 3  
 ♦ A 6 5 3  
 ♣ T 8 5

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5

♥ Q T 2

♦ 7

♣ 6 3



♠ 2

♥ 8 7 6 4

♦ K Q J T 8

♣ A 9 4

♠ K 4

♥ K J 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

SOUTH should respond 2 and NORTH can do nothing but rebid the suit.

SOUTH thinks there should be game and bids 4

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 8 3 2  
♥ 6 2  
♦ T 9  
♣ T 9 8 6

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2



♠ T 9 5  
♥ T 8 5  
♦ J 8 4 3  
♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

2♥

4♥ by North

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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SOUTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 6 4

♥ T 3

♦ A 3 2

♣ A Q T 3

♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5



♠ K 9 2

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ J T 7 6

♣ 9 6

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

2♥

All Pass

2♥ by North

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SOUTH really hates that 2

opening by NORTH.

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

teeth and passes.

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

**Board 4**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

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♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3

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

4 ♠ by South

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

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 game.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 8 3  
♥ T  
♦ A 9  
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

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NORTH has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

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

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH can bid 6

with confidence.