

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♠TM.

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

an opening one bid.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ K Q

9
9 6
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7



♠ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

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

to open 1[♠].

NORTH has good [♠] support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton [♠].

It is easily worth a raise to 2[♠]

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

continue with a 3[♠] bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4[♠].

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

12
 10 7
 11

West

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ K J 6
 ♥ K J 8 5 2
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 8 5



♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ Q 9 6 4
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ A Q 3

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

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

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SOUTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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NORTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 7 5 4 2
♣ A K 2

11
10 7
12

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7



♠ 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5

North

Pass

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q J
♣ 8 6 4 3

NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, 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 SOUTH 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

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♠ 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♠TM opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

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

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.