

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

	N		♠ 2
W		♥ 8 7 6 4	
	S	♦ 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

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

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EAST is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

Wow! WEST has 21 HCP and two good

West	North	East	South
		2♥	Pass

4♥ All Pass

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose EAST has six

4♥ by West

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then EAST couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been too strong for a Weak-twoopening. So WEST just bids 4

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West	North	East	South
			2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

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NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

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

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3

♠ 3

♥ 9 3

♦ Q T 8 6 2

♣ A Q 8 7 2



♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

West North East South

2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

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WEST expects to be better off in than EAST would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, EAST should make the 3 bid with a hand this good. WEST 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.