

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 5
♥ J T 6 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ A

♠ K 9 2
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ K T 7
♣ T 8



♠ A 7 4 3
♥ Q
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ 7 6 4 3

♠ J T 6
♥ 9
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 5 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

2 ♣

All Pass

2 ♣ by South

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North opens 1 ♥ and East Doubles.

After the intervening Takeout Double 2/1 is OFF. If South had T or more points she would Redouble. So even with only 9 points South can bid 2 ♣ without fear that North will think she has a strong hand.

North also knows everything mentioned above so he passes.

Board 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ T 5 3
 ♥ T 6 5
 ♦ A T 4
 ♣ T 8 3 2

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ Q J 8 6 2
 ♣ A K J

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♠ -
 ♥ A 9 8 4 3
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ Q 9 7 6 5 4

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

next. She might have figured the odds favored that one Ace being a red one and tried the slam. Moral: Don't use Blackwood when you have a void.

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 South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South has a big hand, perhaps in the slam range, but first priority is to set a trump suit. So she contents herself with a rebid of 2 ♠. North agrees on trumps by bidding 3 ♠ (not Fast Arrival).

South now makes her slam try by using a Control-showing cue-bid. She bids 4 ♣, showing first round control of the suit (Ace or Void).

North's next bid would be a control-showing bid of her own - IF SHE HAD ONE. Since she cannot win the first round of either red suit she just returns to 4 ♠. South realizes that they are off two red Aces and passes.

Notice that South did not fall into the Blackwood trap. If she HAD asked for Aces, North would have shown one Ace and South wouldn't know what to do

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ 9 6 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A J T 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ T 5



♠ 6 3

♥ J T 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 7 6 3 2

♠ 7 4

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ K J 9

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by North

Baker 2over1 21

North opens 1 ♠. South responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

North's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit.

Remember that South might also have 4 ♥s.

South doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s.

She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2NT. North happily says 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6
 ♥ 7 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A Q J 6 2

♠ 7 4
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ T 9 7



♠ K Q 5 3
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ T 6 5 4
 ♣ 8 4 3

♠ A J T 8 2
 ♥ A T 8 2
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

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South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

South understands that North's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since South does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6 5 3
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 9 2

♠ T 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5



♠ -

♥ J T 9 8

♦ J T 9 6

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ T 7

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North passes and South opens 1 ♠.

North now bids 2 ♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2 ♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2 ♠.

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

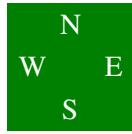
♠ A 9 8
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ Q J 9 3
 ♣ 9 4 2

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3



♠ J 5 3

♥ K J T

♦ K T 5

♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

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South opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ North must respond 1NT.

In standard bidding South would happily pass a 1NT response. But in 2/1 the 1NT response is forcing for 1 round. South is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2 ♣.

North prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that South has bid a 3-card suit. So North gives a preference to 2 ♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

South happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1NT.