

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ 10 8 6
None Vul	♥ A 9 6 4 2
	♦ 8 4
	♣ K 6 2

♠ A Q J 7 5	♠ K 4 3 2
♥ 10 3	♥ 8 5
♦ J 9 5	♦ Q 10 7 3 2
♣ J 9 7	♣ 8 3



7	♠ 9		
9 5	♥ K Q J 7		
19	♦ A K 6		
	♣ A Q 10 5 4		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH would have responded 1

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if WEST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

SOUTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if WEST had remained silent, NORTH would have responded 1

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and SOUTH would have jumped to game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ A K 6 2
None Vul	♥ 9 3
	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 8 2

♠ J	♠ Q 8 5 4 3
♥ A Q J 6 5 2	♥ 10 4
♦ J 8 4 3	♦ Q 10 5
♣ 6 3	♣ A 7 5



9	♠ 10 9 7
9 8	♥ K 8 7
14	♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 ♣ by South			

NORTH has four ♠'s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠'s, but he does have

♦'s

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♦'s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ Q 9 7  
 ♥ J 8 7  
 ♦ A K 6  
 ♣ K J 10 4



♠ 10  
 ♥ K Q 10 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10 5 3  
 ♣ A 6 3

♠ A K 6 3 2  
 ♥ 9 3  
 ♦ 9 7 2  
 ♣ Q 9 2

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 6 11  
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠'s, this time so she bids 1♦.

NORTH knows there

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an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

**Deal 4**

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ K Q 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ K J 10 8 6	♠ Q 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A 10 5 3	♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ Q 6 3



11	♠ A 5 2
8 6	♥ A Q 10 9 3
15	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2

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

happily pass.

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™ .

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

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If NORTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should