

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K Q 7		
None Vul	♥ K Q J 3		
	♦ A 10 6		
	♣ Q 10 8		
♠ 10 5	♠ J 8 6 3 2		
♥ 10 8 6 5 4	♥ 9 2		
♦ Q J 7 2	♦ 9 5 4		
♣ 5 3	♣ A 7 4		
17 3 5 15	♠ A 9 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ K J 9 6 2		
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
6 NT by North			

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT bid.

SOUTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If NORTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if NORTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4 NT raise solves the problem. It tells NORTH to bid 6 NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here NORTH bids the slam.

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 7 3  
 ♥ 8 4 2  
 ♦ A K 5  
 ♣ J 7 6

11 7  
 10 12

West

Pass  
 3 ♠  
 3 ♠ by East

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ J 5 4  
 ♥ K Q 9  
 ♦ 10 6 2  
 ♣ A 9 8 4

East  
 1 ♠  
 Pass

South  
 Pass  
 Pass

WEST has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when EAST opens 1♦ WEST should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3♦.

EAST has just 13 points, and knowing WEST has less than 13 he passes.

**Deal 3**

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

♠ A Q J 9 5	♠ K 6 4
♥ J 10	♥ 9
♦ 7 4 2	♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 8 4 3	♣ A J 10 7 2

9	♠ 10 8 2
8 9	♥ A K 7 5 3
14	♦ K Q 5
	♣ Q 6



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

After SOUTH opens with 1

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, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

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But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

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instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

**♠ K 10 8 3****♥ J 7 2****♦ 9 8 6****♣ Q J 3**

**♠ A 6 4**  
**♥ K Q 9 3**  
**♦ 7 4 2**  
**♣ 9 8 5**



**♠ Q J 7 5**  
**♥ A**  
**♦ A K Q 3**  
**♣ K 10 6 2**

**♠ 9 2**  
**♥ 10 8 6 5 4**  
**♦ J 10 5**  
**♣ A 7 4**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

EAST has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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WEST has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1â™.

EAST now knows that â™'s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4â™.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ A 9 6 3  
♦ K 10 8 5 3  
♣ J 7 2

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 10 9 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A K 6 4

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

4 ♠ by North

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

NORTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> rather than 1 NT.

SOUTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 6**      ♠ K Q 7  
East Deals      ♥ K Q J 3  
E-W Vul      ♦ A 10 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 8  
♠ 10 5      ♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4      ♥ 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 2      ♦ 9 5 4  
♣ 5 3      ♣ A 7 4

N  
W     E  
S

17  
3     5  
15

♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

**Deal 7**

South Deals	♠ 10
Both Vul	♥ A 10 7 6
	♦ Q J 9 8 3
	♣ 10 5 3
♠ K 9 7 3	♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ 8 4 2	♥ J 5 3
♦ A K 5	♦ 7 4
♣ J 7 6	♣ K Q 2
7	♠ J 5 4
11 12	♥ K Q 9
10	♦ 10 6 2
	♣ A 9 8 4



**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ K 9 5

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 10 9 3  
♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 10 8 2  
9  
8 9  
14  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ Q 6

**Deal 9**      ♠ A 6 4  
North Deals    ♥ K Q 9 3  
E-W Vul        ♦ 7 4 2  
                  ♣ 9 8 5

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 9 2  
9  
7     19  
5  
♦ A 7 4

**Deal 10**      ♠ K Q J 7 4

East Deals      ♥ K Q 2

Both Vul      ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2



♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

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**8**

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**Deal 11**      ♠ K Q 7  
South Deals    ♥ K Q J 3  
None Vul        ♦ A 10 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 8  
  
♠ 10 5            ♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4     ♥ 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 2        ♦ 9 5 4  
♣ 5 3            ♣ A 7 4

N  
W E  
S

17  
3 5  
15  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

**Deal 12**

West Deals  
N-S Vul  
**♠ K 9 7 3**  
**♥ 8 4 2**  
**♦ A K 5**  
**♣ J 7 6**  
**7**  
**11 12**  
**10**

**♠ 10**  
**♥ A 10 7 6**  
**♦ Q J 9 8 3**  
**♣ 10 5 3**  
  
**♠ A Q 8 6 2**  
**♥ J 5 3**  
**♦ 7 4**  
**♣ K Q 2**  
  
**♠ J 5 4**  
**♥ K Q 9**  
**♦ 10 6 2**  
**♣ A 9 8 4**



**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 3

♥ Q 8 6 4 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ A Q J 9 5

♥ J 10

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 8 4 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 4

♥ 9

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 10 8 2

9  
8 9  
14

♥ A K 7 5 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q 6

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 8 3  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ Q J 3

♠ A 6 4  
♥ K Q 9 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 9 8 5

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 9 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ A 7 4

9  
7 19  
5

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2



♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

**16**

**8**

**9**

**Deal 16**

West Deals      ♠ K Q 7  
E-W Vul      ♥ K Q J 3  
♦ A 10 6  
♣ Q 10 8  
  
♠ 10 5      ♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4      ♥ 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 2      ♦ 9 5 4  
♣ 5 3      ♣ A 7 4

N  
W     E  
S

<sup>17</sup>  
3 5  
<sub>15</sub>  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

**Deal 17**

♠ 10  
North Deals ♥ A 10 7 6  
None Vul ♦ Q J 9 8 3  
♣ 10 5 3  
  
♠ K 9 7 3      ♠ A Q 8 6 2  
♥ 8 4 2      ♥ J 5 3  
♦ A K 5      ♦ 7 4  
♣ J 7 6      ♣ K Q 2  
  
♠ J 5 4  
♥ K Q 9  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ A 9 8 4  
  
7  
11 12  
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**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ K 9 5

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 10 9 3  
♣ A J 10 7 2

9  
8 9  
14

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

**Deal 19**      ♠ A 6 4  
South Deals    ♥ K Q 9 3  
E-W Vul        ♦ 7 4 2  
                  ♣ 9 8 5

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 9 2  
9  
7     19  
5  
♦ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ A 7 4

**Deal 20**      ♠ K Q J 7 4

West Deals      ♥ K Q 2

Both Vul      ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2



♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

**16**

**8**

**9**

**Deal 21**      ♠ K Q 7  
North Deals    ♥ K Q J 3  
N-S Vul        ♦ A 10 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 8  
  
♠ 10 5         ♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4    ♥ 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 2        ♦ 9 5 4  
♣ 5 3         ♣ A 7 4

N  
W   E  
S

17  
3 5  
15  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

♠ J 5 4

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11 12  
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♥ K Q 9

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A 9 8 4

**Deal 23**

South Deals	♠ 7 3
Both Vul	♥ Q 8 6 4 2
	♦ A 8 6
	♣ K 9 5
♠ A Q J 9 5	♠ K 6 4
♥ J 10	♥ 9
♦ 7 4 2	♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 8 4 3	♣ A J 10 7 2
	♠ 10 8 2
9 8 9 14	♥ A K 7 5 3
	♦ K Q 5
	♣ Q 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4  
♥ K Q 9 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ K 10 8 3  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ Q J 3

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 9 2  
9  
7 19  
5  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ A 7 4

**Deal 25**      ♠ K Q J 7 4

North Deals      ♥ K Q 2

E-W Vul      ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2

N  
W     E  
S

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

**16**

**8**

**9**

**Deal 26**  
East Deals  
Both Vul  
  
♠ 10 5  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ Q J 7 2  
♣ 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q 7  
♥ K Q J 3  
♦ A 10 6  
♣ Q 10 8  
  
♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 9 2  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ A 7 4  
  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

<sup>17</sup>  
3 5  
<sub>15</sub>

**Deal 27**South Deals  
None Vul♠ 10  
♥ A 10 7 6  
♦ Q J 9 8 3  
♣ 10 5 3♠ K 9 7 3  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ A K 5  
♣ J 7 6N  
W E  
S♠ A Q 8 6 2  
♥ J 5 3  
♦ 7 4  
♣ K Q 27  
11 12  
10♠ J 5 4  
♥ K Q 9  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ A 9 8 4

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ K 9 5

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 10 9 3  
♣ A J 10 7 2

9  
8 9  
14

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

**Deal 29**      ♠ A 6 4  
North Deals    ♥ K Q 9 3  
Both Vul        ♦ 7 4 2  
                  ♣ 9 8 5  
♠ K 10 8 3      ♠ Q J 7 5  
♥ J 7 2          ♥ A  
♦ 9 8 6          ♦ A K Q 3  
♣ Q J 3          ♣ K 10 6 2

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 9 2  
9  
7   19  
5  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ A 7 4

**Deal 30**      ♠ K Q J 7 4

East Deals      ♥ K Q 2

None Vul      ♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2



♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

**16**

**8**

**9**

**Deal 31**      ♠ K Q 7  
South Deals    ♥ K Q J 3  
N-S Vul        ♦ A 10 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 8  
  
♠ 10 5        ♠ J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4    N  
♦ Q J 7 2       W     E  
♣ 5 3        ♣ A 7 4  
  
17  
3 5  
15



♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K J 9 6 2

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ 10 5 3

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

7  
**11    12**  
**10**♠ J 5 4  
♥ K Q 9  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ A 9 8 4

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ K 9 5

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 10 9 3  
♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 10 8 2  
9  
8 9  
14

♥ A K 7 5 3  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ Q 6

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6 4  
♥ K Q 9 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ K 10 8 3  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ Q J 3

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 9 2  
9  
7 19  
5  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ A 7 4

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2



♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

**16**  
8 7  
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