

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 5



♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

♠ K Q
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then NORTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So SOUTH just bids 4

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NORTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

Board 2
 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 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ K J 7 3
 ♣ T 4

♠ 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

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♠

Pass

2♥

Pass

4♠

All Pass

3♠

4♠ by North

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NORTH expects to be better off in than SOUTH
 would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round
 force or not, SOUTH should make the 3 bid with

a hand this good. NORTH then bids the game.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West

North

East

South

Pass

4NT

Pass

3♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

5♦

6♥ by North

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SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

NORTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

with confidence.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ A 8 4 3

♦ A 5 2

♣ 4

♠ A Q T

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 3

♣ A J T



♠ K 7 5

♥ T 9 5 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 6 3

♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3♣

3 NT by North

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SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid
3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

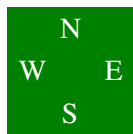
suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long
suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Board 6
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ T 7
 ♥ A 7 5
 ♦ T 9 4 2
 ♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ A Q 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ K Q J



♠ K 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ A T 8 7

♠ J 4
 ♥ K J T 9 6 3
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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 When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.