

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

17
8 11
4

West

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 8 6 5

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 7
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ A 7 5 4

6
7 11
16

♠ K 8 2
♥ K 5 4 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 3 2



♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

♠ A 10 3
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A J 10 9
♣ 10 6

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

now bid 4TM - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth TM. This is a middle-range hand with five TMs.

So he opens 1TM.

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

TM!

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But she does have three TMs, so she can respond 2TM.

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3TM.

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A 5 2
♦ K Q 8 5 3
♣ K 10 7 2

11
12 9
8

West

Pass
Pass
2 ♠ by North

♠ A J 9 6 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A 6
♣ Q 5 4

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♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8

North

1 ♠
Pass

East

Pass
Pass

South

Pass
2 ♠

With 8 points, SOUTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

NORTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth \hat{a}^{TM} each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Although SOUTH passed originally, she must respond to NORTH's opening bid. Since she has

three \hat{a}^{TM} s she raises to 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

In light of SOUTH's weak response NORTH passes.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 10 4

8
9 8
15

♠ J 6 5
♥ K 10 7 5
♦ A 8
♣ 9 8 6 2



♠ A K
♥ Q J 8 6 4 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 5

♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ J 10 9 6 5
♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton),
NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He
invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 9 8
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A K Q

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ Q 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

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

4
 9 10
 17

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 3
 ♣ 9 2



♠ K J 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q

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

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

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠TM.

NORTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.