

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q J 10 6 5
♣ A 9 5

13
11 7
9

West

♠ K 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 7
♣ 6 3

*North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

2 ♣

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♠ instead.

NORTH should respond 2♠, and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ J 9 8 3
 ♣ 10 8

21
 6 4
 9

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

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 E S

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

2♥

Pass

SOUTH is too weak to open 1

♠

but just right for 2

♠

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

♠

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

♠

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

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

♠

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Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

15
 7 11
 7

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and
 probably making matters worse, so she
 grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are
 delusional.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ K 9 8
 ♦ Q 7 6 3 2
 ♣ A 4

9
 9 7
 15

♠ K 8 4
 ♥ A Q 10 6 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 9 6 5



♠ A Q J 10 6 5
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ K J 3

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

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

SOUTH expects to be better off in 4♠ than NORTH would be in 2

4♠

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

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the 4♠ game.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 2

♥ 10 2

♦ A 10 9

♣ K 9 5 2

20
7 6
7

♠ A K 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ A



♠ Q J 9 3

♥ 9

♦ 8 7

♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

4 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♥ by South

Pass

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.