

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A K J 3 2
♣ 10 8 7

13
8 6
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2



♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

1TM

first, (up-the-line).

But WEST's overcall gave NORTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like NORTH could bid 1

1TM

1TM.

SOUTH has 1TMs so she bids 1TM, showing a minimum opener.

NORTH has 13 points and the 1TM fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 4 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

13
10 3
14

♠ A K 6 2
♥ A 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2



♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J 10 4

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 7 5

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | | 1 ♣ |
| 1 ♦ | Dbl | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

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s and ♠ s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

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♠.

SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

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stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

13
 5 9
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

W N
 S E

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1â™.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2â™ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ J 9

15

11 1

13

West

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 9

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A K 6 3

♣ K Q 7 5



♠ A 10 5 3 2

♥ A J 10

♦ 9 8 7

♣ A 8

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

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in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 5

♥ 10 3

♦ J 9 5

♣ J 9 7

7
9 5
19

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 10 8 6

♥ A 9 6 4 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K 6 2

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A K 6

♣ A Q 10 5 4

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

4 ♥

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.