

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5
 ♥ A Q J T 6 4
 ♦ J 8 5 3
 ♣ 6

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ Q T 4

♣ A 7 5 3

♠ T 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J T 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♣

All Pass

1NT

2 ♣ by North

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NORTH has four ♠ so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠ but he does have

s

stopped. He bids 1NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♣ she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Board 2
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J T 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 5 3

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

N

W E

S

♠ 8
♥ K Q T 6 5 4
♦ Q T 5
♣ A 7 6

♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

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Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five this time so she bids 1 .

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in so he bids 2 .

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 4

♥ J 6

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K T 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A T 8 4 2

♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q T 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

All Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

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NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 .

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

.

If NORTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should happily pass.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K J 6 4
♥ 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ K T 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ A K J 4 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q T 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

All Pass

3 ♥ by North

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Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the bid, NORTH can jump
to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has
strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

Board 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5
 ♥ T 8 7 5 2
 ♦ J T 8
 ♣ Q 5

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 5 4 2

♣ 9 7 6 3

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 6 3

♣ K J T 4

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

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠ but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3 ♣ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2 ♣ which NORTH would pass.