

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 3  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ J 10 4 2  
♣ 10 9 4 3

<sup>12</sup>  
8 7  
<sup>13</sup>

♠ K 8  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ A K J 6 2

W N  
S E

♠ J 10 6 5  
♥ 6 5 2  
♦ A Q 8 3  
♣ 8 5

♠ A 9 7 4 2  
♥ A 9 8 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ Q 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

South opens 1 ♠, his 5-card Major. North, with 14 points, responds 2 ♣, a 2/1 force to game.

South next bids 2 ♥, showing the other Major suit.

North assumes South to be 5-4 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She cannot bid 2 NT without a stopper in ♦s. So North bids the fourth suit, 3 ♦, telling South she knows she must make a bid, but can't find anything appropriate.

South now must find a bid. His choices include rebidding the 5-card ♠s, supporting North's ♣s with a doubleton Queen, or bidding 3 NT with the ♦ K 6 as a stopper. He chooses this last option. It appears that 3 NT is the best game for these two hands.

**Deal 2**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q 8	♦ K J 7 6 3
♥ 4	♥ A Q 7
♦ J 9 6 3 2	♦ 8 4
♣ 10 9 6 5 2	♣ A Q J

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
ALL	Pass		
6 ♥ by South			

of a finesse. But the best way to play the hand would be to try to establish a ♠ in the North hand, and if that fails try the ♣ finesse.

North opens 1 ♠, her 5-card Major and South responds 2 ♥. North knows this is a 5-card suit, and bids 3 ♥, confirming the 8+card trump fit.

Once the trump fit is known, South revalues his hand to about 19 points. He makes a slam try with a control-showing bid of 3 ♠. He knows North won't take this as ♠ support since the partnership has agreed that ♥'s are going to be trumps.

North now shows her control by bidding 4 ♣.

That was what South needed to hear; when Blackwood uncovers two Aces he bids 6 ♥.

The slam is a good one. If either the ♠ Q or ♣ K is right there are 12 tricks by way

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 10 4  
♦ 10 7 5  
♣ 9 8 6

<sup>14</sup>  
3    6  
<sub>17</sub>

West	North	East	South
			Pass      1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

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



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

♠ A J 10  
♥ A K 9 8 5  
♦ K 9 6  
♣ Q 7

South opens 1 ♥ and North responds 2 ♣. Using standard bidding South would now jump to 3 NT to show his 19 points, but in 2/1 this is not necessary since the partnership must not stop bidding until game is reached. So South just bids 2 NT. North shows her minimum by bidding 3 NT.

South will now disclose his extra strength. He bids 4 NT. This is not Blackwood, but rather a quantitative raise in Notrump, and an invitation to slam.

North has 15 points, and they are good ones. She accepts the invitation and bids 6 NT.

There are 11 top tricks. A 3-3 ♥ split would provide the 12th winner, but this is against the odds. Better to try two ♠

finesses, a 75% chance.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ K Q 10

**12**  
**5 8**  
**15**

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A J 8 7 5 2  
♥ A K  
♦ Q 6  
♣ J 8 7

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	<b>1 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>
Pass			Pass

4 ♠ by South

South opens 1 ♠ and North responds 2 ♦. South has a pretty good hand, 17 points, but no stopping power in the minor suits. Also, South's ♠ suit is pretty ragged. Taking these points into consideration, South should just rebid his 6-card suit.

North should now jump to 4 ♠. This is Fast Arrival, indicating a minimum hand with no particular interest in slam.

South is happy to rest in the game contract.

Even with a combined 30 points, T tricks are certainly not a sure thing. South must hope that East holds the trump King.