

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ Q 9 7
None Vul	♥ J 8 7
	♦ A K 6
	♣ K J 10 4
♠ J 8 5 4	♠ 10
♥ A 6 2	♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ J 8 4	♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ 8 7 5	♣ A 6 3



♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠'s, this time so she bids 1♦.

NORTH knows there

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an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 2

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ K Q 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ K J 10 8 6	♠ Q 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A 10 5 3	♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ Q 6 3



11	♠ A 5 2
8 6	♥ A Q 10 9 3
15	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2

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

happily pass.

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™ .

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

to 4

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

Deal 3

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ 10 8 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ A Q J 10 6	♠ K 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A Q 5 3	♦ K J 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ J 6 3



6	♠ 8 5 2
13 9	♥ A Q 10 9 3
12	♦ 9 7
	♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
Pass		Pass	Pass

3 ♥ by South

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

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

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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

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Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
 ♥ Q 8 5 2
 ♦ J 10 5 4
 ♣ 9 6

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<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass 4♦ by South	<i>North</i> 2♦ 4♦ Pass	<i>East</i> 1♦ 6 4 6 3 Pass	<i>South</i> 1♠ 3♠ Pass
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♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ A K 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 8 2

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♠ 4
 ♥ J 10 7
 ♦ A K Q 8 2
 ♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ A K 9 7 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K J 10 4

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, 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.

Deal 5
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ Q 8 6 2		
♥ J 10 7 2	♦ A K 9 3		
♦ 8 6 2	♦ 9 7		
♣ K Q 10 9 5 4	♣ A 8 2		
	♠ J 10 5 4		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ A K J 10 5 4		
	♣ J		
	♠ A K 9 7 3		
13 6 12 9	♥ 6 5 4		
	♦ Q 3		
	♣ 7 6 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this to Deal 10.

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

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

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♦ which NORTH passes.

Deal 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 9 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ J 7 4

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♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q J 9 3
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ Q 8



♠ 10 6 4 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ 10 9 5 3 2

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 10 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 4
 ♣ A K 6

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

SOUTH has a maximum 1

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opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after WEST's overcall she makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.