

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

9
9 8
14

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

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♠ 10 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has four \hat{a}^{TM} s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, but he does have

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four \hat{a}^{TM} £s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ A 6 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ 8 7 5

14
6 11
9

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4



♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

♠ 10

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ A 6 3

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

1 ♣

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five \hat{a}^{TM} s, this time so she bids $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, so he bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 8 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A 10 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

11
 8 6
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4



♠ A 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

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

♠

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

happily pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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
13 9
12

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2

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

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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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™Ÿ 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.

Deal 5

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 6

13
4 12
11

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2



♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 4

North

2 ♦
4 ♠

East

1 ♦
Pass
Pass

South

1 ♠
3 ♠
Pass

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.