

**Deal 1**

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

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

<b>15</b>	♠ K 6 4 2
7 7	♥ J 8 5
<b>11</b>	♦ K 3 2
	♣ A 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by North			



With a 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit and 16 points NORTH should open  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

SOUTH has 11 points and four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , a Limit Raise.

NORTH adds: her 16 plus SOUTH's 11/12 equals a game,  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 7

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ Q 9 5

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11 16  
8
 ♠ 5  
 ♥ K 10 8 5 2  
 ♦ Q 10 9 4  
 ♣ 10 6 2

 W N  
 S E

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by East			

EAST has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal EAST will open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

WEST has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?)  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

EAST adds the points and ignores the fact that his  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> suit is Jack high.

He bids 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 3**

South Deals	♠ A 6 4
None Vul	♥ K 9 5 2
	♦ 7 6 5 3
	♣ A K

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

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14	♠ K 5
5 9	♥ Q J 10 8 3
12	♦ K Q J
	♣ 9 6 2

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

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH also has opening hand strength, 14 points for him. He also has four of SOUTH's

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s. He applies the "He who knows, goes" principle and

bids 4

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Most experienced bridge pairs would not bid the hand quite this way, although they

would arrive at the same contract. See some of the other BakerBridge lessons for more details.

**Deal 4**

West Deals	♠ 5 ♥ 10 4 3 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A 10 7 6 5 2		
None Vul	♥ A K 5 ♦ A K 3 ♣ 9		
	♠ A J 10 8 7 4		
	♦ 9 8 7 6		
	♣ J 9 8 5		
	♣ K Q 3		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by West			

WEST has a powerful hand (21 points) with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

EAST has an 11-point Limit Raise with four trumps. She jumps to 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

WEST now knows that the partnership holds at least 32 points, perhaps 33. Since he can see that

the opponents have no way to win the first two tricks he decides to bid the slam, 6 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

8      13  
8      11

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

♠ A 7 6 5 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ AJ 4	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 ♣ Q 7 2
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♠ J 10 9 4 3 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K 8 6 3	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 ♣ Q 7 2
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♠ J 10 9 4 3 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K 8 6 3	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 ♣ Q 7 2
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NORTH has 14 points and opens 1 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , her 5-card Major.

SOUTH could bid 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , a Limit Raise with his 11 points. But it is often a good idea,

when you have five of the Major suit that partner opened with, to just go ahead and bid

the game. So South should bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  here.

See the NOTE in Deal 13. When you use weaker 5-card support hands for your jump to game, you

need to find another way to describe your opening-hand-strength type hands.