

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
6 8  
13

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

1<sup>TM</sup>

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

1<sup>TM</sup>

1<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has 1<sup>TM</sup>s so she bids 1<sup>TM</sup>, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the 1<sup>TM</sup> fit so he bids game.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

3  
 13 14  
 10

*West*

Dbl

3 NT

3 NT by East

*North*

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 5 4 2  
 ♦ 10 8 5  
 ♣ 7 5



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

*North**East*

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

*South*

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

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

s and  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}} \nmid$ 
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .

EAST doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

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

stopper he bids 1 NT.

WEST happily bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

13  
 5 9  
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1â™.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2â™ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 13 15  
 1

West

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ Q 8 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ J 9



♠ J 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 10 5 4 2

♣ 10 6 4 3 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2

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in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

WEST doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to

3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4 3 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ Q 10 7 3 2  
♣ 8 3

19  
5 9  
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 6  
♥ A 9 6 4 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ K 6 2

North

1 ♣

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ A Q J 7 5  
♥ 10 3  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ J 9 7

SOUTH would have responded 1

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if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

8  
9 14  
9

West

Dbl

2 ♣

2 ♣ by East

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

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

EAST knows there is no 8-card fit in  $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}$ s, but he does have

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

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

WEST has 9 points and with four  $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}$ £s she goes back to that suit and EAST passes.