

Deal 1

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

17 8 11 4	♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ 8 6 5
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	

Pass
1 ❤ by North

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

Deal 2

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

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

♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by South			

now bid 4 \hat{a}^{TM} - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth \hat{a}^{TM} . This is a middle-range hand with five \hat{a}^{TM} s.

So he opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

\hat{a}^{TM} !

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But she does have three \hat{a}^{TM} s, so she can respond 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3 \hat{a}^{TM} .

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A 5 2
♦ K Q 8 5 3
♣ K 10 7 2

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

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8

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

With 8 points, SOUTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

NORTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1♦.

Although SOUTH passed originally, she must respond to NORTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of SOUTH's weak response NORTH passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 10 4

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

♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ J 10 9 6 5
♣ K Q 3

♠ A K
♥ Q J 8 6 4 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton), NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

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

16	♠ 7 6 4
9 8	♥ Q 7 6 3
7	♦ A J 4
	♣ 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
3 ♥ by North			



NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.