

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

12	8 6	14
♠	♥	♦



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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 2 NT bid is Jacoby, showing a game-forcing

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raise.

NORTH has a minimum opening hand with nothing extra to show, so signs off at 4

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**Deal 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ 7 $\heartsuit$ 9 7 5 3 $\diamond$ 9 7 6 $\clubsuit$ A 9 7 4 3	$\spadesuit$ K 8 5 4 $\heartsuit$ K Q 8 4 $\diamond$ 10 5 2 $\clubsuit$ K Q
	
	$\spadesuit$ Q 3 2 $\heartsuit$ J 10 $\diamond$ K J 8 4 3 $\clubsuit$ J 8 6
	$\spadesuit$ A J 10 9 6 $\heartsuit$ A 6 2 $\diamond$ A Q $\clubsuit$ 10 5 2

$\spadesuit$  13  
 4 8  
 15

*West      North      East      South*

Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT  
 Pass      4  $\spadesuit$       Pass      Pass  
 Pass  
 4  $\spadesuit$  by South

NORTH's 2 NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  raise.

SOUTH's 3 NT bid shows extra strength, a 5-card trump suit and no singleton/void. This is

definitely NOT a suggestion to play Notrump - the trump suit is already agreed as  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s.

NORTH cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  which SOUTH passes.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
 7 6  
**13**

♠ A J 10 7 6 2  
 ♥ K 10  
 ♦ A J 6  
 ♣ J 4

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

♠ K Q 5 3  
 ♥ Q J 5  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ 9 7 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

Following SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT, NORTH bids 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>. This is stronger than 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> and

shows a 6-card suit.

SOUTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> which NORTH passes.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ 8 $\heartsuit$ 3 2 $\diamond$ A K 8 6 4 $\clubsuit$ J 9 5 3 2	$\spadesuit$ K 9 6 5 2 $\heartsuit$ A 7 6 $\diamond$ Q 5 $\clubsuit$ K Q 8	$\spadesuit$ 10 $\heartsuit$ 10 9 8 4 $\diamond$ 10 9 7 2 $\clubsuit$ A 10 6 4
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$\spadesuit$ 8 4 $\spadesuit$ 14 $\spadesuit$ 14	$\spadesuit$ A Q J 7 4 3 $\heartsuit$ K Q J 5 $\diamond$ J 3 $\clubsuit$ 7	<i>West</i> <i>North</i> <i>East</i> <i>South</i> $1\spadesuit$ $3\clubsuit$ $4\spadesuit$
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4 $\spadesuit$  by South

The 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid shows a singleton / void in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s.

NORTH doesn't have much strength above what she has already shown, but she takes advantage

of the bidding level to make a control-showing 3

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

bid.

SOUTH is concerned about the

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

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that NORTH doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  and NORTH passes.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>14</sup>  
5 8  
<sub>13</sub>



West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♠      Pass      2 NT  
Pass      3 ♣      Pass      3 ♦  
Pass      4 NT      Pass      5 ♥  
Pass      6 ♠      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
6 ♠ by North

This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  to show shortage, SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

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

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NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

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

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids  $6\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .