

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 3	♦ K 8 6	♣ Q 4
♥ 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

1 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

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



raise.

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



4 ♥ by North

**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		
<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass 4 $\spadesuit$ by South	<i>North</i> 2 NT 4 $\spadesuit$ Pass	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 3 NT Pass 1 $\spadesuit$

NORTH's 2 NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing  $\spadesuit$  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  $\spadesuit$ s.

NORTH cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4 $\spadesuit$  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**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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♦. This is stronger than 4♦ and

shows a 6-card suit.

SOUTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4♦ which NORTH passes.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

W	N	E	S
♠ 10	♥ 10 9 8 4	♦ 10 9 7 2	♣ A 10 6 4

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7

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

4 ♠ by South

NORTH passes.

The 3♣ bid shows a singleton / void in ♣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

♥

bid.

SOUTH is concerned about the

♦

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that NORTH doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4♣ and

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

♠ A Q J 7 4 3  
♥ K Q J 5  
♦ J 3  
♣ 7

♠ 8  
♥ 3 2  
♦ K Q 8 6 4  
♣ K 10 5 3 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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♣ to show shortage,  
SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

♦

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NORTH no longer worries about losing  
two quick

♦

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids  
6♠.

**Deal 6**

South Deals	♠ K Q		
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 5		
	♦ A 9		
	♣ K Q 10 9 2		
♠ J 8 6 3 2	♠ 10 9 7 4		
♥ Q 4	♥ 3		
♦ J 4 3	♦ 10 8 6 5 2		
♣ 8 5 4	♣ A J 7		
	♠ A 5		
17 4 5 14	♥ A J 10 9 6 2		
	♦ K Q 7		
	♣ 6 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3



rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what NORTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7



if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6



if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5



if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

**Deal 7**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ A 9 7 6 3

<sup>17</sup>  
4 4  
<sup>15</sup>

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ —

♥ 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2  
♣ 8 4 2

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

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

Pass  
4 ♠ by North

NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five ♠s by her 3 NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

♥

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Despite both partners showing extra strength NORTH merely signs off at 4 ♠. Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

♦

denied first-round control in both ♣s and

♦

s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 8**South Deals  
None Vul

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

$$\begin{matrix} 15 \\ 5 \quad 8 \\ 12 \end{matrix}$$

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



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

♠ K Q J 8 5  
 ♥ K J 7  
 ♦ Q 8 5  
 ♣ 8 4

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

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4♦.

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Deal 9**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2  
 ♥ 9 6 3  
 ♦ A J 10  
 ♣ 6 3 2

<sup>13</sup>  
6 9  
<sub>12</sub>

West  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♥ by North

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

North  
1 ♥  
4 ♥

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
Pass  
Pass

SOUTH's 4♣ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

♥

s and a singleton or void in ♣s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's ♣ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

♥

game.

**Deal 10**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

13  
 4 8  
 15

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

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 2  
 ♥ 9 8 4 2  
 ♦ A 5 3  
 ♣ A 10 7 5 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 South			

SOUTH bids 3♠ to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either ♣s,

♦

s

or

♥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

**Deal 11**

	♠ K Q		
North Deals	♥ A J 10 9 7 6		
None Vul	♦ 9 7		
	♣ A 9 6		
♠ 10 2		♠ J 7 6 5 4	
♥ 5 4 2		♥ —	
♦ 10 6 5		♦ Q J 8 3 2	
♣ K J 8 4 3		♣ Q 10 5	
	♠ A 9 8 3		
14	♥ K Q 8 3		
4 6	♦ A K 4		
16	♣ 7 2		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

NORTH's 3



bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

**Deal 12**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
 ♥ Q 9 7 5  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

N  
 W     E  
S

♠ K 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 8 3  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ A K 8 3

♠ J  
 ♥ 10 6 2  
 ♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3  
 ♣ 10 6

♠ A Q 9 8 4  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ Q J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4♣ and 4

♥

are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

♦

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.

**Deal 13**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
6 7  
14

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

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

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

N  
W     E  
S

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

SOUTH's 3♠ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the ♠ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one ♠ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

♥

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**Deal 14**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
**5 8**  
**13**

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

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

W N E  
S

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time NORTH's ♠ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4♣

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

♦

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.

**Deal 15**

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q ♥ A K 8 ♦ 7 5 4 3 ♣ J 10 6 5	♠ K Q ♥ A K 8 ♦ 7 5 4 3 ♣ J 10 6 5	♠ J 9 8 6 4 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A 10 9 2 ♣ 9 7	
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for NORTH's 1

♥

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. South must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2♣.

When NORTH next says 2 NT SOUTH can jump to 4

♥

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

♥

game, give yourself credit anyway.

**Deal 16**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 6 4  
<sup>15</sup>  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ K J 9 6 5 2  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			.
5 ♥ by South			



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

SOUTH bids 3♠ to show a strong hand with a singleton ♠.

After NORTH shows her first-round ♣ control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5



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**Deal 17**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ A 9 4 3

<sup>12</sup>  
8    7  
<sub>13</sub>

N  
W    E  
S

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

NORTH bids 4♣ after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card ♣ suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

♥

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

♦

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the ♠A, so he just bids 4

♥

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**Deal 18**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

	♠ Q J 8 4		
	♥ K 8 7 5		
	♦ A J 4		
	♣ 6 4		
♠ 10 3 2	♠ —		
♥ A 4	♥ Q 10 6 3 2		
♦ 10 9 2	♦ Q 8 6 3		
♣ J 10 8 7 3	♣ K 9 5 2		
	♠ A K 9 7 6 5		
11 5 7 17	♥ J 9		
	♦ K 7 5		
	♣ A Q		
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2 NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

SOUTH has more than enough strength to bid game after NORTH's limit raise. If NORTH had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2 NT response, SOUTH would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.

**Deal 19**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♠ by North

NORTH bids 3 NT to show a good hand with five ♠s.

SOUTH shows his

♦

control, and NORTH then shows her

♥

control.

A final check with Blackwood shows two Aces missing. Too bad.

**Deal 20**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

15  
 4 5  
 16

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ —  
 ♥ 10 7 6 4 2  
 ♦ A 8 7 5  
 ♣ J 8 4 2

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

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

SOUTH shows his 6-card ♠ suit by bidding 3♠.

NORTH shows her ♣ control and SOUTH shows his

♥

control,

but it seems neither has a control in

♦

s.

So they stop in game.

**Deal 21**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



17	♠ K J 8 4
4 4	♦ A K 9 4 3
15	♦ A 9 6
	♣ 7

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

NORTH might just use Jacoby 2 NT since he has great

♥

support and

more than 13 points. But, he has so much more than 13 points that he should inform partner by

making a jump-shift. He plans to return to

♥

s later.

SOUTH has different plans. Knowing partner has five ♠s and 17 or more points she pushes

straight to the ♠ slam.

It didn't matter, slam is cold in either Major.

**Deal 22**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ 7 4  
♣ 10 7 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10  
♥ Q 9 6 3  
♦ Q J 10 9 6 5  
♣ J 5

♠ A Q J 8 6

17  
4 6  
13

♦ 3

♣ A Q 9 6 3

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      1 ♠  
Pass      4 NT      Pass      4 ♣  
Pass      7 ♠      ALL      Pass

7 ♠ by South

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***Deal 23***

**Deal 23**South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

NORTH bids 4♣, showing

♥

support, 13+ points and a singleton  
or void in ♣s.

SOUTH first shows her

♦

A, then, when NORTH signs off,  
makes one more try by showing her ♠A.  
NORTH finally gets inspired and bids the  
slam.

**Deal 24**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 7 5  
<sub>13</sub>

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



♠ 10 8 4  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ 10 9 3  
 ♣ K Q 10 9 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has a very minimum 2 NT bid, but when NORTH shows ♣ shortness she can Control-bid

her



A without showing extra values.

NORTH's hand became huge when he heard about SOUTH's



A.

When Blackwood shows they hold three Aces he bids what he expects to be a comfortable slam.