

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A T 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

	N	E
W		S
	♠ 5	
	♥ T 3	
	♦ 9 8 4 2	
	♣ A 8 7 6 3 2	

♠ A Q T 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

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

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five by her 3NT rebid.

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

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

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 9 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 6 5

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2

	N		♠ -
	W	E	♥ 6 5
	S		♦ K J T 7 3 2
			♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT 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.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 9 2

♥ 3

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ T 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J T 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

	N	♠ 3
W		♥ 9 6 5
	E	♦ J T 9 3
S		♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ A K 8 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ K J 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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 NORTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

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

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

game.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

	N
W	
	E
S	

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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 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.

Board 5South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ 5
♦ T 8 6 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 5

♠ A 9 8 3

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 7 6 4
♥ 4 2
♦ Q J 5
♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q
♥ A J T 9 7 6
♦ 9 7
♣ A 9 6

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SOUTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

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

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

6♥ by South

Board 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ T 7 6 4

♠ K 7 6 3

♥ J 8 3

♦ K Q

♣ A K 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 5

♥ Q 9 7 2

♦ A T 7 5 4

♣ 9 5

♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 2

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

6 ♠ by North

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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.