

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

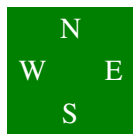
♠ Q 2  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ Q T 7  
 ♣ K Q J 5 3 2

♠ A J T 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7



♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6 5

♦ J 9 8 3 2

♣ A T

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

3♥

4♥ by North

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Here NORTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

NORTH assumes that SOUTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

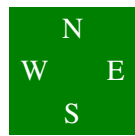
♠ 2  
 ♥ 8 7 6 4  
 ♦ K Q J T 8  
 ♣ A 9 4

♠ K 4

♥ K J 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ T 8 3

♥ A 9 3

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ T 8 5

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5

♥ Q T 2

♦ 7

♣ 6 3

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

4 ♠ by North

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SOUTH has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

NORTH should respond 2 and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2



♠ T 9 5

♥ T 8 5

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

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SOUTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

4♥ by North

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

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**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2

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♠ T 7 6 4

♥ T 3

♦ A 3 2

♣ A Q T 3

♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

West

North

East

South

2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

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NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making  
matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are delusional.