

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 6 3

♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A Q 2



♠ A Q J 10 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

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 9 13
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♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the â™ bid,
SOUTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

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Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2

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♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 4

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 6

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

WEST has the strength for a raise to game in ♦'s, but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, WEST shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♦ and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just returned to 2♦ which WEST would pass.

Deal 3
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ Q 8 6 2		
♥ J 10 7 2	♦ A K 9 3		
♦ 8 6 2	♦ 9 7		
♣ K Q 10 9 5 4	♣ A 8 2		
	♠ J 10 5 4		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ A K J 10 5 4		
	♣ J		
	♠ A K 9 7 3		
13 6 12 9	♥ 6 5 4		
	♦ Q 3		
	♣ 7 6 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♦ which NORTH passes.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8 ♥ A K 10 8 7 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ A K 6	♠ A K J 9 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ J 7 4
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♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 10 9 5 3 2	♠ Q 7 5 ♥ Q J 9 3 ♦ A 10 8 2 ♣ Q 8
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WEST has a maximum 1

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opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.