

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ A K 3

10 6
16 8

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4

♠ K
♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 5 2

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ A
♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7

West North East South
3 ♥ Pass Pass 4 ♥

Pass Pass Pass
4 ♥ by North

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

SOUTH assumes that NORTH 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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Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♣ by East			

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

So he opens 1♦ instead.

WEST should respond 2♦£, and EAST can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

WEST thinks there should be game and bids 4♦

Deal 3	♠ K Q	SOUTH is too weak to open 1		
South Deals	♥ Q J	â™¥		
None Vul	♦ A K Q 6 5			
	♣ K J 4 2			
♠ A J 9 8 3	♠ 10 5 2	but just right for 2		
♥ 10 5	♥ 8 6 2			
♦ J 9 8 3	♦ 10 4			
♣ 10 8	♣ A 9 7 6 3			
	♠ 7 6 4	.		
	♥ A K 9 7 4 3			
	♦ 7 2	Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good		
	♣ Q 5			
West	North	East	South	â™¥
			2 ♥	
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass	s. Could this be time for a slam try?
Pass				Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has
4 ♥ by South				six
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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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Deal 4

West Deals	♠ 9 4
None Vul	♥ A 9 8 3
	♦ J 6 2
	♣ Q 9 6 3

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

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♠ K 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2 ♥ by West

EAST really hates that 2

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opening by WEST.

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

teeth and passes.

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