

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A K J 10 9

12
8 6
14

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J 10 8 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 4 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

North

1♥

4♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

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

♥

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Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 4
 ♥ K Q 8 4
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ K Q

8
 13 15
 4

West

♠ Q 3 2

♥ J 10

♦ K J 8 4 3

♣ J 8 6

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 6

♣ A 9 7 4 3

North

♠ A J 10 9 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ A Q

♣ 10 5 2

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

WEST's 2 NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing ♠ raise.

EAST'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 ♠s.

WEST cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4♠ which EAST passes.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ 10 5 3 2
♣ A Q 8 5

13
6 7
14

♠ K Q 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 7 6 2
♥ K 10
♦ A J 6
♣ J 4

♠ 9 8
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ K 10 6

<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			

Following NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT, SOUTH bids 3♠. This is stronger than 4♠ and

shows a 6-card suit.

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

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 4 3
 ♥ K Q J 5
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 7

8
 14 14
 4

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

♠ 8

♥ 3 2

♦ A K 8 6 4

♣ J 9 5 3 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 10 9 7 2

♣ A 10 6 4

♠ K 9 6 5 2

♥ A 7 6

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q 8

The 3♣ bid shows a singleton / void in ♣s.

EAST 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.

WEST is concerned about the

♦

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that EAST doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4♠ and EAST passes.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

14
 5 8
 13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7



♠ K 9 6 5 2

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 5

♣ Q 9 8

North

1 ♠

3 ♣

4 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♦

5 ♥

Pass

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q 10 9 2

5
17 14
4

West

2 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 9 7 4

♥ 3

♦ 10 8 6 5 2

♣ A J 7

W N
S E

♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ J 4 3

♣ 8 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST's 3

♥

rebid shows better than average strength
and six trumps.

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

♥

if EAST has three Aces, bid 6

♥

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

♥

if he has just one. If East has no Aces WEST will get a new partner.

Deal 7 ♠ K J 9 7 2
 South Deals ♥ A 9 5
 None Vul ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K Q 10

♠ —		♠ 8 5 3
♥ 8 6 4 2		♥ 10 3
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2	W N E	♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 2	S	♣ A 9 7 6 3

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

<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 South

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

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

♥

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

Control bid of 4

♥

denied first-round control in both ♣s and

♦

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

5
12 15
8

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

♠ 9
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ A 10 7 5 3

♠ 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



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

So after EAST's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4♠.

EAST would have cooperated if WEST 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

13
6 9
12

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

♠ K 3

♥ 5

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ J 8 3

8
 13 15
 4

West

2 NT

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 2

♥ 9 8 4 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ A 10 7 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 3

♥ A 10 5 3

♦ 10 7 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ K Q

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

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

♦

s

or

♥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So EAST settles for game.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 6 5 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q J 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 10 5

16
 6 4
 14

♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ 7 2



♠ K Q
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6

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

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

SOUTH's 3



bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

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

Deal 12

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 2

2
 16 16
 6

West

1 ♠

3 NT

4 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠ by West

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ Q 9 7 5
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

N
 W E
 S

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

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4♣ and 4

♥

are Control-showing bids.

EAST knows they are missing the

♦

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain WEST 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

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5



♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

8
14 13
5

West

3 ♠

4 ♦

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 8 5

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q J 5 2

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 7 6 3

♣ 8 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

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

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

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

♦

A she

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

Deal 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ 9 7

13
5 9
13

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J 10 6 5



♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 10 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

North

2 ♣
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
2 NT
Pass

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



opening bid.

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

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

When SOUTH next says 2 NT NORTH 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

West Deals

None Vul

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

6
15 15
4

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ Q 10

♦ A 4 3

♣ 10 8 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

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

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

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

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST 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

12
8 7
13

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 8 6 5



♠ A Q 9

♥ Q J 8 3

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ J 2

♠ K 10 8 7 5

♥ 6 5

♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 10 7

West	North	East	South
	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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

7
11 17
5

West

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ —

♥ Q 10 6 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 3

♣ K 9 5 2



♠ 10 3 2

♥ A 4

♦ 10 9 2

♣ J 10 8 7 3

North

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 9 7 6 5

♥ J 9

♦ K 7 5

♣ A Q

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

WEST 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.

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

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

and perhaps gotten too high.

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ —
♥ 9 6 5 3 2
♦ J 6 5 4
♣ A 8 4 2

15
5 4
16

♠ J 10 8 6 3
♥ K J 7
♦ A K 3
♣ K 5



♠ K Q 9 5 4
♥ A Q 8
♦ Q 9 7
♣ Q J

♠ A 7 2
♥ 10 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 10 9 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♠ by South			

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

NORTH shows his

♦

control, and SOUTH then shows her

♥

control.

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

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

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

4
16 15
5

♠ —
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ J 8 4 2

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

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

EAST shows her ♣ control and WEST 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	♠ 10 7 5
♥ 6	♥ Q J 7 5	♥ 10 8 2
♦ J 7 3	♦ K Q	♦ 10 8 5 4 2
♣ K 9 8 6 5 4 3 2	♣ Q J	♣ A 10
	♠ K J 8 4	
17	♥ A K 9 4 3	
4 4	♦ A 9 6	
15	♣ 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.

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Deal 22
 East Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ K 9 7 3
 ♥ A 4 2
 ♦ A K 8 2
 ♣ K 8



♠ A Q J 8 6
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A Q 9 6 3

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

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 ♠	ALL	Pass	
7 ♠ by East			

Deal 23

Deal 23

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ A Q
♣ 9 6 4

7
16 13
4

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

♠ 10 7 6 4 3

♥ 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J

♥ A 10 9 3

♦ K 8 7 5 4

♣ 8

♠ 8 2

♥ 8 6 5

♦ 10 6 3

♣ K J 7 3 2

EAST bids 4♣, showing

♥

support, 13+ points and a singleton

or void in ♣s.

WEST first shows her

♦

A, then, when EAST signs off,

makes one more try by showing her ♠A.

EAST 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

15
7 5
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ K Q 9 7 6 2
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A 8
♣ 5



♠ A J 5 3
♥ A 6
♦ K J 7 2
♣ 8 7 4

North

1 ♠

3 ♣

4 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

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.