

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

14
7 6
13



♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 3 2

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5

West North East South
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 1 ♥
Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥
4 ♥ by South

NORTH'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.

SOUTH has just 14 points and the ♦ shortness in NORTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one ♦ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

♦ Y

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 5 2
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 7 6 3
♣ 8 3 2

14
5 8
13

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

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♠ A K 10 9 8
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ J 10 7

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ A 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

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

This time NORTH's \hat{a}^{TM} shortness complements her hand very well. She bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

A she

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

Deal 3

South Deals	♠ K Q
None Vul	♥ A K 8
	♦ 7 5 4 3
	♣ J 10 6 5
♠ J 9 8 6 4	♠ 10 3 2
♥ 4 3	♥ 9 5 2
♦ A 10 9 2	♦ K Q 6
♣ 9 7	♣ A 8 4 2

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ Q J 10 7 6
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ K Q 3

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



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

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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 2â™£.

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

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game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 10
♦ A 4 3
♣ 10 8 4 3

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6 4
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♠ 3
♥ K J 9 6 5 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♥ by South			



♠ K Q J
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A J 9 2

♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 7 6

SOUTH bids 3♦ to show a strong hand with a singleton ♦.

After NORTH shows her first-round ♦ control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

♦ Y

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