

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 7 6 3

♥ A K 8

♦ 8

♣ K 7 5

♠ K 10 9

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ A 10

♣ Q J 10 8



♠ 5 2

♥ 10 5 3

♦ K Q J 9 5 3

♣ 4 2

13
10 6
11

♠ A 4

♥ Q J 6

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ A 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

North opens 1 ♠. With 11 points South cannot respond 2 ♣. So she bids 1 NT, which is forcing for 1 round.

North's first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. Since he doesn't have one his next priority is to rebid the 6-card ♠s.

South is strong enough to invite, and with the known 8-card fit she says 3 ♠.

North has a little extra so he bids 4 ♠, which is a pretty good contract.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 3

♥ 8 2

♦ Q 10 7 2

♣ J 7 5 3

♠ 10 7

♥ Q 10 3

♦ A J 6

♣ A Q 6 4 2



♠ Q J 9 8 4 2

♥ A J 9 5

♦ 8 3

♣ K

♠ 6 5

♥ K 7 6 4

♦ K 9 5 4

♣ 10 9 8

10
13 11
6

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

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

East opens 1 ♠. Perhaps a little marginal, but you don't pass 13 point hands. West has a good 2/1 response of 2 ♣.

East's first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit, so he does. West wouldn't dare support ♥s with only three cards, but has a good 2 NT bid.

East is not happy in notrump so rebids the 6-card major, 3 ♠. West's two ♠s are enough support so she bids the ♠ game.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 8

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 8 7 3

♣ A 7 4

♠ 9 6 2

♥ A K 10 9 3

♦ J 9 2

♣ 6 3



♠ 10 4

♥ J 4

♦ A 10 5 4

♣ K J 10 8 2

♠ K Q 7 5 3

♥ 8 7

♦ K Q 6

♣ Q 9 5

11
8 9
12

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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Pass	1 NT	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass			Pass

3 ♠ by South

South opens 1 ♠. North cannot say 2 ♥ because he only has 11 points, and also because he only has 4 ♥s. So he bids 1 NT (forcing for 1 round).

South rebids 2 ♣, a 3-card suit. North now jumps to 3 ♠, showing limit-raise strength. This sequence is the way to show a limit-raise with only 3 trumps; an immediate jump-raise to the 3-level shows a limit-raise with 4 trumps.

In any case South has a bare minimum and passes the invitation.