

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
 3 6
12

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K Q 2

West
Pass
Pass
4 ♥ by North

♠ K 9
 ♥ A K J 6 5
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ A 7 6

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♠ A 10 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J 9 8 2
 ♣ J 4

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K Q 2

North
1 ♥
4 ♥

East
Pass
Pass

South
3 ♥
Pass

NORTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

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SOUTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

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NORTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows SOUTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

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Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2	♦ 6 5	♣ A K Q J 10 2	♠ 10
♥ K Q 3			♦ J 10 3 2
♦ 8 6			♣ A K Q J 10 2
♣ 9 5			♠ A J 6 5 3
			♦ J 10 9
			♦ A Q 5 4
			♣ 6
			♠ K
			♦ A 8 7 4 2
11 7 12		♦ K 9 7	
10		♣ 8 7 4 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

WEST passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

EAST naturally opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} with her 13 point, 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit hand.

WEST might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4	♦ A J 8 6 4	♥ J 10	♣ 10 9 8 5
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6	9	7	18
♣ A Q 9 7 5 3	♦ Q 7	♥ A K 3	♣ K 2

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



SOUTH has 20 points, counting two extra for the fifth and sixth ♠'s.

Naturally she opens 1♦.

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. He has four of partner's ♠'s

so he responds 2♦.

SOUTH

KNOWS

that $6 + 20 = 26$, so she

GOES

to 4♦.

Deal 4

West Deals	♠ Q 5 3
None Vul	♥ 6 3
	♦ 8 6 4 2
	♣ K Q J 2
♠ A 7 4	♠ J 8
♥ A J 8 7 2	♥ K Q 5 4
♦ K Q J	♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ A 3	♣ 10 6 4
8	♠ K 10 9 6 2
19 6	♥ 10 9
7	♦ A 10
	♣ 9 8 7 5

W N E S

West North East South

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

4 ♥ by West

WEST has 20 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1

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rather than 2 NT.

EAST barely has enough points for a response, but she does have four

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So she responds 2

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WEST adds EAST's 6 to his 20 and bids the game, 4

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