

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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| ♠ A 5 | ♥ K Q 10 9 7 |
| ♦ K Q 6 | |
| ♣ Q J 4 | |

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

Pass

1♥ by North



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| ♠ 10 8 | ♥ 6 5 3 |
| ♦ A 10 5 3 | ♣ A K 9 2 |

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

West North East South

1♥

Pass

Pass

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

Deal 2

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

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| ♠ A 10 3 | ♥ Q 8 6 2 |
| ♦ A J 10 9 | ♣ 10 6 |

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| ♠ Q J 9 6 4 |
| ♥ A 9 |
| ♦ K 7 4 |
| ♣ K Q J |

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| 6 |
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| 11 |
| 16 |

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 3 ♠ by South | | | |

now bid 4 \hat{a}^{TM} - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth \hat{a}^{TM} . This is a middle-range hand with five \hat{a}^{TM} s.

So he opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

\hat{a}^{TM} !

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But she does have three \hat{a}^{TM} s, so she can respond 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3 \hat{a}^{TM} .

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A 5 2
♦ K Q 8 5 3
♣ K 10 7 2

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

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 2 ♠ |
| 2 ♠ by North | | | |

With 8 points, SOUTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

NORTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1♦.

Although SOUTH passed originally, she must respond to NORTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of SOUTH's weak response NORTH passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 10 4

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

♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ J 10 9 6 5
♣ K Q 3

♠ A K
♥ Q J 8 6 4 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 5

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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| Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | | | Pass |
| 4 ♥ by South | | | |

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton), NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

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

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| 16 | ♠ 7 6 4 |
| 9 8 | ♥ Q 7 6 3 |
| 7 | ♦ A J 4 |
| | ♣ 9 8 5 |

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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| | 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | . |
| 3 ♥ by North | | | |



NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ J 6 4
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ K 8 5 3

4
9 10
17

♠ A 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 2

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♠ Q 9 5
♥ A Q 10
♦ J 2
♣ J 10 7 6 4

♠ K J 8 7 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ A Q

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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 1 ♠ by South | | | |

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♦.

NORTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.