Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 3
♡ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

♠ 10 5 2
♡ 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 9 2

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       N
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♠ Q 9 7 6
♡ J 10 8 4 3
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♣ 7 6 4 3

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4   3
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♠ K J 4
♡ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 8

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

	♠ A 7 5 2	
	♡ K 9 2	
	◊ 10 7 4	
	♣ 10 6 3	

♠ Q J 10 9 6		♠ K 4
♡ A 7	N	♡ Q 10 6
◊ A Q 6	W E	◊ 8 5 3 2
♣ A K 7	S	♣ Q 9 8 5

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	♠ 8 3	
	♡ J 8 5 4 3	
	◊ K J 9	
	♣ J 4 2	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by East

WEST is right at the maximum for a 1♠ opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2♣.

EAST does not have 3-card ♠ support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

WEST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

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            ♠ A K 9 6 4
            ♡ K Q 5
            ♢ K Q J 7
            ♣ 3
♠ 7 2                      ♠ 5
♡ 9 8 7 6         N        ♡ 10 3 2
♢ 8 5 4 3     W       E    ♢ 9 6 2
♣ K Q 5           S        ♣ A J 10 8 7 4
            ♠ Q J 10 8 3
    18      ♡ A J 4
   5   5    ♢ A 10
     12     ♣ 9 6 2
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West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♡
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♠ by South

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would show one Ace, etc).

NORTH has heard enough and bids 6â™ .

SOUTH has a minimum 1â™ opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

NORTH hears the 1â™ bid and all he wants to know is whether SOUTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4 NT.

SOUTH has two Aces so she bids 5

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(5â™£ would show zero Aces,

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Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

	♠ Q 8 5	
	♥ 9 4	
	♦ J 9 8 5 2	
	♣ K Q 2	

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

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15   9
8

	♠ K J 10 9 3	
	♥ J 10 3	
	♦ Q	
	♣ J 10 8 4	

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT PASS 3H	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4 ♥ by West

WEST has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

♥

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EAST, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1 NT.

WEST shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

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EAST raises to 4

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since two trumps is now adequate support.

Deal 5
North Deals
None Vul

North hand: ♠ K Q 7 4 ♡ 8 3 ◇ 7 6 2 ♣ A K Q 2

West hand: ♠ 9 ♡ K J 5 2 ◇ Q 10 9 8 4 ♣ J 10 3

East hand: ♠ A 6 5 2 ♡ 10 9 6 ◇ A K ♣ 9 8 5 4

South hand: ♠ J 10 8 3 ♡ A Q 7 4 ◇ J 5 3 ♣ 7 6

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7 11
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West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♠ by North

NORTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card â™£ suit.

SOUTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

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NORTH now shows his 4-card â™ suit, and SOUTH again must bid. Since SOUTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2â™, which NORTH happily passes.