

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

4	♠ A 5
11 8	♥ K Q 10 9 7
17	♦ K Q 6
	♣ Q J 4

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W	E
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♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥

1 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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NORTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But NORTH only

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

Deal 2

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

6	7	11
16		

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ A 10 3	♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A J 10 9	♣ 10 6

♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

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 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 7
♣ A 9 6 3

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9 12
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8

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

♠ A J 9 6 4 2

♥ 8 3
♦ A 6

♣ Q 5 4

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

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

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH 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>
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

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

7	8 9	16
♠	♥	♦
7	A K 5 4 2	8 5
8 9	♦ A K Q	♣ A K Q

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



SOUTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

NORTH, with 7 points and four trumps
raises to 2

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

Too bad, but NORTH 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

N
W S E

♠ 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

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

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1 \hat{a} TM.

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

an opening one bid.