

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 8 6

13
8 11
8

West

Pass
2 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 2
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♠

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2[♠].

NORTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ 10 4
♦ 10 5 3
♣ K Q 9 8 6

18
5 9
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

North

4 ♠

East

Pass

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 10 7 2

South

2 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2[♠]™.

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game. Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. They will probably make just ten tricks.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ J 10 4 3
 ♣ A 10 9 6

9
 10 13
 8

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4

North

4♠

East

Pass

South

2♠

Pass

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4♠ anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

♠

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4♠ bid will shut him out, and 4♠ probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ 10 7 4

♣ K 6 5

15
8 11
6

West

Pass

3 ♦ by South

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 8 3

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♠ 4 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2

♣ 9 7

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

3 ♦

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

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bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening
1 NT bid and will be very tempted to bid
3 NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster,
particularly if NORTH is unable to reach
the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win
six tricks if

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s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.