

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5  
 ♥ T 3  
 ♦ 9 8 4 2  
 ♣ A 8 7 6 3 2

♠ A Q T 6 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ K J

♣ J 5



♠ 8 3

♥ 8 6 4 2

♦ A T 7 6 3

♣ 9 4

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

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NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five  
 by her 3NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a  
 Control showing bid of 4

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Despite both partners showing extra strength North  
 merely signs of at 4 Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 9 3 2

♦ A 6

♣ A 6 5

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2



♠ -

♥ 6 5

♦ K J T 7 3 2

♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5

♥ K J 7

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 8 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

1 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ J T 9 3  
♣ A Q 8 6 2

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



♠ K J T 9 2  
♥ 3  
♦ A 8 6 2  
♣ T 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ Q J T 7  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ 4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

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SOUTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

game.

Board 4

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ A T 2  
♦ A T 7 6 5 3  
♣ 6 5 4

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

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♠ T 2  
♥ 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ 4  
♣ A T 9 7 2

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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SOUTH bids 3 to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7 6 4  
♥ 4 2  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q  
♥ A J T 9 7 6  
♦ 9 7  
♣ A 9 6



♠ 5 2  
♥ 5  
♦ T 8 6 3 2  
♣ K Q J 8 5

♠ A 9 8 3  
♥ K Q 8 3  
♦ A K 4  
♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

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NORTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

**Board 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2  
 ♥ T 6 5  
 ♦ J 6 3 2  
 ♣ T 7 6 4

♠ K 7 6 3

♥ J 8 3

♦ K Q

♣ A K 8 3



♠ T 5

♥ Q 9 7 2

♦ A T 7 5 4

♣ 9 5

♠ A Q 9 8 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the  
 trump Ace.