

Deal 1 ♠ K Q J 5 4
 North Deals ♥ A 7
 None Vul ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ J 8 6

♠ A		♠ 8 7 2	
♥ J 9 8 5 3		♥ 10 6 2	
♦ J		♦ A 10 8 7 3	
♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2		♣ K Q	
		♠ 10 9 6 3	
16 6 9 9		♥ K Q 4	
		♦ 9 6 4 2	
		♣ A 7	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH has good \hat{a} TM support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton \hat{a} TM£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 \hat{a} TM

NORTH cannot bid game yet, after all, SOUTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3 \hat{a} TM bid in hopes that SOUTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

SOUTH comes through with 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 2

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



11	♠ K J 6
7 10	♥ K J 8 5 2
12	♦ A 7 4
	♣ 8 5

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

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

Deal 3

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

♠ A 10 9 7 2 ♠ K 5 4

♥ 10 9 ♥ 6 3

♦ Q J

♦ 10 7 5 4 2

♣ 8 6 4 3

♣ A K 2



♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass Pass Pass
3 ♥ by North

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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SOUTH has 11 points and she should pass.

NORTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but NORTH can add and he knows the total

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

West

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4



♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass
2 ♠ by South

SOUTH has a normal 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. NORTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

	♠ 10 ♥ A 7 4 3 2 ♦ Q 10 9 4 ♣ J 7 3
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15 7 7 11	♠ K 6 4 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A 6 2
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by North

With a 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit and 16 points NORTH should open $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has 11 points and four \hat{a}^{TM} s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, a Limit Raise.

NORTH adds: her 16 plus SOUTH's 11/12 equals a game, $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ J 7 3
♣ A 8 7 4

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♠ 5
♥ K 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ 10 6 2

♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6
♦ A K 6
♣ K J 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal SOUTH will open 1â™.

NORTH has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) â™ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3â™.

SOUTH adds the points and ignores the fact that his â™ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4â™.