

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ A 8 3 2

13  
6 7  
14

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 6 5



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

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

♠ A 9 8 7 6  
♥ 7 6  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ 10 7

SOUTH's 3<sup>♠</sup> bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the <sup>♠</sup> shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one <sup>♠</sup> loser anyway. She signs off in 4

<sup>♠</sup>

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**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 5 2

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 7 6 3

♣ 8 3 2

14  
5 8  
13

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J 10 2

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ K 4

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 8 5

♣ J 10 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♦

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥

6 ♥ by South

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time NORTH's  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  shortness complements her hand very well. She bids  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 5  
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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



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

North

1 ♥

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♥

SOUTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for NORTH's 1

♠™

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. South must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2♠™.

When NORTH next says 2 NT SOUTH can jump to 4

♠™

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

♠™

game, give yourself credit anyway.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ Q 10

♦ A 4 3

♣ 10 8 4 3

15  
6 4  
15

♠ K Q J

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A J 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ K J 9 6 5 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q 5

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥ by South

Pass

SOUTH bids 3<sup>♠</sup> to show a strong hand with a singleton <sup>♠</sup>.

After NORTH shows her first-round <sup>♠</sup> control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

<sup>♠</sup>

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