

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2



♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a minimum 1

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opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH also has opening hand strength, 14 points for him. He also has four of NORTH's

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s. He applies the "He who knows, goes" principle and

bids 4

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Most experienced bridge pairs would not bid the hand quite this way, although they

would arrive at the same contract. See some of the other BakerBridge lessons for more details.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ J 8 4

6

11 19

4

West

3 ♠

Pass

6 ♠ by East

♠ 6 3

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ K Q 3



♠ 5

♥ 10 4 3 2

♦ 10 2

♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ A J 10 8 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ A K 3

♣ 9

East

1 ♠

6 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a powerful hand (21 points) with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1♠TM.

WEST has an 11-point Limit Raise with four trumps. She jumps to 3♠TM.

EAST now knows that the partnership holds at least 32 points, perhaps 33. Since he can see that

the opponents have no way to win the first two tricks he decides to bid the slam, 6♠TM.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K Q 10 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

8
11 8
13

West

Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ 9
♣ K 8 6 3



♠ A 7 6 5 2
♥ 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 4

North

4 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♠
Pass

SOUTH has 14 points and opens 1♠TM, her 5-card Major.

NORTH could bid 3♠TM, a Limit Raise with his 11 points. But it is often a good idea,

when you have five of the Major suit that partner opened with, to just go ahead and bid

the game. So North should bid 4♠TM here.

See the NOTE in Deal 13. When you use weaker 5-card support hands for your jump to game, you

need to find another way to describe your opening-hand-strength type hands.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 3
♦ A 6 2
♣ A 8

5
12 14
9

West

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 8 7 5 4
♣ Q J 3



♠ K J 10 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♥

South

Pass

WEST has 13 points so he must open. He has five

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s so he

should open 1

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EAST, with 14 points and four

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enough points for a game contract and at least nine

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s between

the partners. She who KNOWS, GOES, so EAST bids 4

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This is similar to Deal 13.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

19
 3 6
 12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 9

♥ A K J 6 5

♦ A 10 5

♣ A 7 6



♠ Q 8 2

♥ Q 8 4 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ K Q 2

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

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SOUTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

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NORTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows SOUTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

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Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

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

11
7 12
10

♠ K
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 7
♣ 8 7 4 3

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

WEST passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

EAST naturally opens 1♠TM with her 13 point, 5-card ♠TM suit hand.

WEST might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4♠TM.