

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4 3  
♥ J 5 2  
♦ K J 4 2  
♣ J 6 3

12  
9 13  
6

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

♠ 8 5 2  
♥ A Q 10 9 3  
♦ 9 7  
♣ A Q 2

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♠ 9 7  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ 10 8 6  
♣ K 10 9 4

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

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the â™ bid, SOUTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

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**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

12

13 11

4

*West*

2 ♦

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ J 10 7

♦ A K Q 8 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ J 10 5

♥ Q 8 5 2

♦ J 10 5 4

♣ 9 6

*North*

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST has the strength for a raise to game in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s, but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, WEST shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just returned to  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  which WEST would pass.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

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♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ K Q 10 9 5 4



♠ J 10 5 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A K J 10 5 4

♣ J

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

13  
6 12  
9

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which NORTH passes.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
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♠ A K J 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 6 3

♣ J 7 4

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♠ 10 6 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 5

♣ 10 9 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by West			

WEST has a maximum 1

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opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and  
bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces.  
When EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.