

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ J 10 8 2
 ♣ K 6 5

13
 6 9
12

♠ 6 5
 ♥ A Q 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ Q 9

♠ K 2
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ A J 10 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 7 4
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♥ by North			

South opens 1♠ and North, with 14 points, responds 2♥. Note that North is not permitted to make this bid without a 5-card or longer ♥ suit.

South, knowing that North has 5, bids 3♥ to confirm the trump suit.

North has a minimum strength hand with no slam aspirations, so he uses Fast Arrival and bids 4♥. South is also satisfied to just play at game.

2/1 is a good bidding method, and here, 4♥ is a good contract. But you can see that it is not a laydown - there is no bidding system that will always reach To% contracts. In this hand a 3-3♦ split will provide the Tth trick, or if that fails, taking 2♣ finesses provides a 75% chance of success.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ K Q 10 6

9
15 11
5

West

2 ♣

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5



♠ A K 9 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ A 8

♠ 8 3
♥ J 6
♦ Q J 10 8 5
♣ J 4 3 2

North

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

4 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

East has 13 points and naturally opens 1 ♠.

West, with 15 points, would bid 2 ♥ in standard bidding, but with 2/1 this promises a 5-card suit. So instead, West responds 2 ♣, forcing the partnership to game. Note that holding two 4-card minors West bids them up-the-line, just as in standard bidding.

East has a nice 6-card ♠ suit, so you might think he would rebid them. But Opener's first responsibility with his second bid is to show a 4-card Major if he has one. This isn't much of a suit, but East still bids 2 ♥.

You can see why it is important for Opener to show a 4-card Major. Since West couldn't bid ♥s in her first response

the fit would have been lost if East had not mentioned the suit. West now confirms the trump suit with a 3 ♥ bid, and East shows his minimum by just bidding the game.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ A 5 4

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8 6
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

♠ A K 9 2
 ♥ A Q 9 8 3
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3
 ♥ J 10 5
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ Q J 10 3 2

♠ 8 7 5
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A Q J 10 7
 ♣ K 9 7

North opens 1 ♥, his 5-card Major. South, with 14 points, naturally responds 2 ♦, forcing the partnership to game.

North next bids 2 ♠, showing the other Major suit. In standard bidding North would not be able to bid the ♠s since that would be a Reverse and North is far too weak to Reverse. But after a 2/1 Response the concept of a Reverse does not apply, and the priority of showing a 4-card Major certainly does apply.

South assumes North to be 4-5 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She bids 2 NT. If North actually has 6 ♥s (or 5 ♠s) he will rebid the suit. South's 2 NT bid guarantees a stopper in the fourth suit.

North does not have either 6 ♥s or 5 ♠s so he just bids 3 NT. Notice that North never once considered the possibility of passing what might be a misfit - the initial 2/1 response unconditionally forced the partnership to reach a game somewhere.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2**♥ A 9 8 3****♦ K 6****♣ Q 7****8****13 12****7**

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 4 3



♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

these two hands.

West opens **1 ♠**, his 5-card Major. East, with 14 points, responds **2 ♣**, a 2/1 force to game.

West next bids **2 ♥**, showing the other Major suit.

East assumes West to be 5-4 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She cannot bid **2 NT** without a stopper in ♦s. So East bids the fourth suit, **3 ♦**, telling West she knows she must make a bid, but can't find anything appropriate.

West now must find a bid. His choices include rebidding the 5-card ♠s, supporting East's ♣s with a doubleton Queen, or bidding **3 NT** with the ♦ K 6 as a stopper. He chooses this last option. It appears that **3 NT** is the best game for

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 4	♦ K J 10 8 6 5 3
♥ K Q	♦ 8 7
♦ 10 9 5 2	♣ Q 8
♦ 9 2	♦ 4
♦ A 10 7 5	♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ K 4 3	♣ 10 9 6 5 2
13	♠ K J 7 6 3
7 3	♦ A Q 7
17	♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J	



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

South opens 1 ♠, her 5-card Major and North responds 2 ♥. South knows this is a 5-card suit, and bids 3 ♥, confirming the 8+card trump fit.

Once the trump fit is known, North revalues his hand to about 19 points. He makes a slam try with a control-showing bid of 3 ♠. He knows South won't take this as ♠ support since the partnership has agreed that ♥'s are going to be trumps.

South now shows her control by bidding 4 ♣.

That was what North needed to hear; when Blackwood uncovers two Aces he bids 6 ♥.

The slam is a good one. If either the ♠ Q or ♣ K is right there are 12 tricks by way of a finesse. But the best way to play the hand would be to try to establish a ♠ in the South hand, and if that fails try the ♣ finesse.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ Q 9

♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 8 2
♣ K 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ K 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ 7 4
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

13
6 9
12

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ K 10 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6



♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 5

♣ J 4 3 2

9
15 11
5

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3
♥ J 10 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q J 10 3 2

13
8 6
13

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ K 9 7

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ Q 3
E-W Vul ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ J 10 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 4 3

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

N
W E
S

8
13 12
7
♣ 8 5

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 4

♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ 9 2

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ K 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8

♥ 4

♦ J 9 6 3 2

♣ 10 9 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

13
7 3
17

Deal 11

South Deals ♠ 6 5
None Vul ♥ A Q 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ Q 9

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

 ♠ A J 10 7 4
 13 ♥ K 10 7
 6 ♦ A 9 5
 12 ♣ 7 2



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

9

15 11

5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 5

♣ J 4 3 2

Deal 13 ♠ A K 9 2

North Deals ♥ A Q 9 8 3

Both Vul ♦ 8 5

♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3

♥ J 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ Q J 10 3 2

 13
8 6
 13
 ♠ 8 7 5
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A Q J 10 7
 ♣ K 9 7

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ Q 7

8
13 12
7

N
W E
S

♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 4

♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ 9 2

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ K 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8

♥ 4

♦ J 9 6 3 2

♣ 10 9 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

13
7 3

17
8 4

♣ A Q J

Deal 16

West Deals ♠ 6 5
E-W Vul ♥ A Q 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ Q 9

♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 8 2
♣ K 6 5

13
6 9
12

N
W E
S

♠ K 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ 7 4
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ K 10 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 5

♣ J 4 3 2

9
15 11
5

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 2

♥ A Q 9 8 3

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 5 4

W N E S

♠ Q 3

♥ J 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ Q J 10 3 2

♠ 8 7 5

♥ K 4

♦ A Q J 10 7

♣ K 9 7

13
8 6
13

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ Q 3
E-W Vul	♥ K Q 4
	♦ J 10 4 2
	♣ 10 9 4 3
♠ A 9 7 4 2	♠ K 8
♥ A 9 8 3	♥ J 10 7
♦ K 6	♦ 9 7 5
♣ Q 7	♣ A K J 6 2
8	♠ J 10 6 5
13 12	♥ 6 5 2
7	♦ A Q 8 3
	♣ 8 5

N
W E
S

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 4
♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ K 4 3

13
7 **3**
17

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J

Deal 21

North Deals ♠ 6 5
N-S Vul ♥ A Q 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ Q 9
♠ Q 9 8 3 ♠ K 2
♥ 6 4 ♥ J 8 2
♦ J 10 8 2 ♦ 7 4
♣ K 6 5 ♣ A J 10 8 4 3

 13
 6 9
 12
 ♣ 7 2

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	S	

♠ K 2

♥ J 8 2

♦ 7 4

♣ A J 10 8 4 3

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ K 10 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♦ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6

9
15 11
5

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 5

♣ J 4 3 2

Deal 23 ♠ A K 9 2
South Deals ♥ A Q 9 8 3
Both Vul ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 5 4

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8 6
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N
W E
S
♠ Q 3
♥ J 10 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q J 10 3 2

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ K 9 7

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ Q 7



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13 12
7

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ A 4
E-W Vul ♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ 8 7
♠ 10 9 5 2 ♠ Q 8
♥ 9 2 ♥ 4
♦ A 10 7 5 ♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ K 4 3 ♣ 10 9 6 5 2



13
7 3
17

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ Q 9

♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 8 2
♣ K 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ K 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ 7 4
♣ A J 10 8 4 3

13
6 9
12

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ K 10 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 5

♣ J 4 3 2

9
15 11
5

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 2

♥ A Q 9 8 3

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 5 4



♠ Q 3

♥ J 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ Q J 10 3 2

13
8 6
13

♠ 8 7 5

♥ K 4

♦ A Q J 10 7

♣ K 9 7

Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ Q 7



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13 12
7

♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4

♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 5 2

♥ 9 2

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ K 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8

♥ 4

♦ J 9 6 3 2

♣ 10 9 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

13
7 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

17

Deal 31

South Deals ♠ 6 5
N-S Vul ♥ A Q 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ Q 9

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

 13
 6 9
 12



♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ K 10 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ 9 7 5

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ K Q 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

9
15 11
5♠ 8 3
♥ J 6
♦ Q J 10 8 5
♣ J 4 3 2

Deal 33 ♠ A K 9 2
North Deals ♥ A Q 9 8 3
None Vul ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 6

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 5 4

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N
W E
S
♠ Q 3
♥ J 10 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q J 10 3 2

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ K 9 7

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ Q 7

8
13 12
7

N
W E
S

♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 4
♥ K J 10 8 6 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ K 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J

13
7 3
17