

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ J T 8 6 3 2

♣ J 7 4

♠ A 5

♥ A J T 9 6 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ 6 3



♠ T 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 5 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q T 9 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

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NORTH's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what SOUTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

if NORTH has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

if he has just one. If North has no Aces SOUTH will get a new partner.

**Board 2**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 8 3  
♥ 8 6 4 2  
♦ A T 7 6 3  
♣ 9 4

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5  
♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

	N		E
W		S	
	5		
	T 3		
	9 8 4 2		
	A 8 7 6 3 2		

♠ A Q T 6 4  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ K J  
♣ J 5

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠

All Pass

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SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five by her 3NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -  
 ♥ 6 5  
 ♦ K J T 7 3 2  
 ♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5

♥ K J 7

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 4 2  
 ♥ T 9 3 2  
 ♦ A 6  
 ♣ A 6 5

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after SOUTH's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

SOUTH would have cooperated if NORTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J T 9 2

♥ 3

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ T 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J T 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

N	♠ 3
W	♥ 9 6 5
E	♦ J T 9 3
S	♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ Q 8 4  
 ♥ A K 8 4 2  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ K J 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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 NORTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

game.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 2  
♥ 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ 4  
♣ A T 9 7 2

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

N
W
E
S

♠ 3

♥ A T 2

♦ A T 7 6 5 3  
♣ 6 5 4

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH bids 3<sup>rd</sup> to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

SOUTH's failure to make a Control bid in either    s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So NORTH settles for game.