

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 3 2
 ♥ T 9
 ♦ Q J 9 7 2
 ♣ 7 5

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A T 6

♣ Q T 8



♠ J 6 5

♥ 8 6 5 4 2

♦ 5 4

♣ A 4 3

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

Pass

4NT

6NT

All Pass

6NT by North

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NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT bid.

SOUTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If NORTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if NORTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4NT raise solves the problem. It tells NORTH to bid 6NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here NORTH bids the slam.

Board 2
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K 5
♣ J 7 6

♠ J T 5
♥ K T 7 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ T 4 3



♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 2

♠ 4
♥ A Q 9
♦ T 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	All Pass		

3 ♠ by West

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WEST has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when EAST opens 1 WEST should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

EAST has just 13 points, and knowing WEST has less than 13 he passes.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 9
♦ J T 9 7 4
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

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♠ T 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

♠ A K Q J 9 6 4
♥ -
♦ 3 2
♣ T 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

4♥ by North

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After SOUTH opens with 1

, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

.

But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens with you should just jump right to game.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ Q T 8 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ 7 5



♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2

♠ 2

♥ K 9 6 5 4

♦ J 7 5

♣ A 9 8 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

4 ♠

Pass

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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EAST has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

.

WEST has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

EAST now knows that ♠ will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4 .

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ T 9 5 4
 ♣ Q J T 5 2

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3



♠ 8 5 2

♥ A T 6 3

♦ K 8 3 2

♣ 8 7

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

NORTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

SOUTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

NORTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

SOUTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .