

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A K J 3 2
♣ 10 8 7

13
8 6
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2



♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

But WEST's overcall gave NORTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like NORTH could bid 1

♥

♠.

SOUTH has ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

NORTH has 13 points and the ♠ fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 4 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

13
10 3
14

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A K 6 2
♥ A 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2



♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J 10 4

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

♥

s and ♠s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

♥

♠.

SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

♦

stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 9 4 3 2

♦ J 10

♣ J 9 8

13
5 9
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

♠ N
♥ W E
♦ S
♣

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

♥

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1♠.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2♠ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ J 9

15

11 1

13

West

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 9

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A K 6 3

♣ K Q 7 5



♠ A 10 5 3 2

♥ A J 10

♦ 9 8 7

♣ A 8

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

♥

in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

♥

s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 5

♥ 10 3

♦ J 9 5

♣ J 9 7

7
9 5
19

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 10 8 6

♥ A 9 6 4 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A K 6

♣ A Q 10 5 4

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

4 ♥

NORTH would have responded 1

♥

if WEST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

SOUTH has good

♥

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if WEST had remained silent, NORTH would have responded 1

♥

,

and SOUTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

9
9 8
14

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

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

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has four ♠s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠s, but he does have

♥

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♣s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ A 6 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ 8 7 5

14
6 11
9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4



♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ 10

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ A 6 3

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠s, this time so she bids 1♠.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8

East Deals

None Vul

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

11
 8 6
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that
 NORTH has promised as a minimum and
 goes straight

to 4

♥

.

If NORTH had significantly more than 11
 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.

Deal 9

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

6
 13 9
 12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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



♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A Q 2

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

♠ K 4 3
 ♥ J 5 2
 ♦ K J 4 2
 ♣ J 6 3

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

♥

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the ♠ bid, NORTH can jump to 3

♥

as a preemptive

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

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

♥

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Deal 10

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 6

13
4 12
11

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2



♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 4

North

2 ♦
4 ♠

East

1 ♦
Pass
Pass

South

1 ♠
3 ♠
Pass

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 in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♠ which NORTH would pass.

Deal 11

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

♠ —

♥ 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 ♦

1 ♦

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 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 6 3

♣ J 7 4

11
9 0
20

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q J 9 3

♦ A 10 8 2

♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8

♥ A K 10 8 7

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K 6

♠ 10 6 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 5

♣ 10 9 5 3 2

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

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

2 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

SOUTH has a maximum 1

♥

opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

♥

s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

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

SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 13

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 5 4

♥ 8 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ Q 7 5

9
9 8
14

♠ 6 2

♥ A Q J 3

♦ J 8 4

♣ J 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 10 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A 10 4

♠ 10 3

♥ K 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 6 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

1 NT by South

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

1 NT

NORTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over WEST's 1♠ overcall.

But SOUTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

NORTH should pass.

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ A Q J 6 5 3

13
 9 11
 7

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ K 10 4



♠ A K 6 4 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 10 9 7
 ♣ 9 8 2

North

1 ♦

2 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With five ♠s SOUTH bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

NORTH knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

SOUTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

Deal 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

♠ Q 8
♥ J 6 4
♦ A 5
♣ K Q J 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ J 10 9 3 2
♣ 7 3

13
13 1
13

♠ A J 7
♥ K 9 8 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
2 ♣	Dbl	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

♥

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

♥

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Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 9 7 3

♣ A Q 9 2

8

12 7

13

West

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ J 10

♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K J 10

North

Dbl

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♦

2 ♠



NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

SOUTH also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

NORTH is happy to pass.

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 7 6 4 3

♥ —

♦ J 4 3

♣ A 7 4

14
11 3
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ J 8 5

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K 9

♣ K Q J 2



♠ 10 2

♥ K Q J 7 6

♦ A Q 5

♣ 9 6 3

North

2 ♠

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least
Limit Raise strength and

♥

support.

SOUTH has a minimum opening bid and
can only return to 3

♥

.

NORTH actually has better than the 12
points he promised, so he now bids 4

♥

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Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 6 5 2

♣ 5

11
7 10
12

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 8 6 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q 9 7

♣ A Q 8 2



♠ 9 7

♥ A K J 8 7

♦ 4 3

♣ K J 10 4

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♣

NORTH has a 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to WEST's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

SOUTH has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and NORTH passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ Q J 8 7 6 3
 ♣ A K 10

10
 11 0
 19

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4

♣ Q J 6 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q J 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 7

♦ K 2

♣ 8

♠ 8 6 4

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 10 9 5

♣ 9 7 4 3

West North East South

2 ♦ 3 ♦ Pass 1 ♠
 Pass 5 ♦ Pass 4 NT
 Pass Pass Pass 6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 7 6 2
♥ 10 4 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 10

13
8 6
13

West

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 8

♥ A J 9 3

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ Q J 8 2



♠ 9 5 3

♥ K Q 8 7

♦ J 3

♣ A K 5 4

North

Dbl

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH can't bid 3

♥

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH has four

♥

s and he now bids them.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 4

♥

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Deal 21

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 2
♥ K 10 9 6 5 4 3
♦ Q 9
♣ 5

11
9 7
13

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A 6 3 2



♠ Q J 8 3
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ K Q J 4

North

Dbl

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 9 4
♥ A Q
♦ J 10 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

NORTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

SOUTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points NORTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but SOUTH declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 22

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ 10 9 7 5 3

12
5 11
12

♠ 9 7 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A K J 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 8 2

♦ 7 4 2

♣ Q 8 2

♠ K J 10 8 3

♥ 9 7 5 4

♦ A K 9 5

♣ —

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

1 ♣

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 13 points and a 5-card

♥

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

♥

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Knowing SOUTH has five

♥

s NORTH can support with just three.

SOUTH bids the

♥

game.

Deal 23

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ K 3
♣ K Q J 9 7 2

W N
S E

♠ 10 8 7 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ 10 5

11
13 2
14

♠ K 9
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after WEST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

♥

, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 8 7 5 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ K 8 5 4 3

18
 4 10
 8

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 6

North

1 ♥

3 NT

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

SOUTH has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s
 so she responds 1 NT.

NORTH has 19 points with a balanced
 hand so he bids 3 NT.