

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ A K J 4 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q T 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 6 4

♥ 6

♦ Q 5 2

♣ J 6 5 3

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ T 8 6
 ♣ K T 9 4

West North East South

Pass 1♥ 1♠ 3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

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Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

raise if there had been no overcall.

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

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

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

♠ 4

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 5 4 2

♣ 9 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 6 3

♣ K J T 4

♠ J T 5

♥ T 8 7 5 2

♦ J T 8

♣ Q 5

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

4 ♠ by West

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WEST has the strength for a raise to game in 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 and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just returned to 2 which WEST would pass.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ T 7 2
♦ T 6 5 4
♣ J T 5

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4
♥ Q J 8
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q 3
♣ 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

2 ♠ by South

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Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♦ 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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ A K T 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 4
 ♣ A K 6

♠ A K J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 6

♣ T 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q J 9 3
 ♦ A T 8 2
 ♣ Q 8

♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ J 9 5 4 2

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

6♥ by West

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WEST has a maximum 1

opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

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

WEST bids the slam.