

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ A K 3

6
10 8
16

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4

N
W E
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♠ A J 10 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 9 7

♠ K
♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ Q J 10 6 5
 ♣ A 9 5

13
 11 7
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6 3

North

2 ♣

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♠ instead.

NORTH should respond 2♣, and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ A 9 7 6 3

9
4 6
21

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 5



♠ K Q
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH is too weak to open 1

♠™

but just right for 2

♠™

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Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

♠™

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

♠™

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then NORTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So SOUTH just bids 4

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Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

15
 7 11
 7

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and
 probably making matters worse, so she
 grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are
 delusional.