

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4
♥ A 7
♦ J 3 2
♣ A 8 7 6

16
9 7
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 5
♣ J 5 4 2



♠ K 5 3
♥ 10 9 5 3
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ K Q

North

1 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH cannot see a game unless SOUTH has help in ♠s so she makes a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has 8 points and the doubleton ♠KQ so he bids the game.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ A K 5

6
13 14
7

West

1 ♦

2 ♠

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ K Q 4 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ J 8 7
♣ 9 7



♠ 7 6 2
♥ K 8
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 10 8 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

1 ♥

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If East can stop

1st s, then 3 NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if WEST bids 1st at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2nd .

EAST, win a fine 1st stopper, bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9
♥ 2
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 8 7 6 4

12
7 8
13

♠ K 8 4 3 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A 5



♠ Q 7 5
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ A 8
♣ K Q J 3

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ 9 2

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

first priority.

NORTH's 2

\hat{a}^{TM}_1

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides SOUTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_{\text{Y}}$

suit,

OR 3-card \hat{a}^{TM} support.

In this hand SOUTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_{\text{Y}}$

s is

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 2

♥ Q 9 3 2

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ J 6

♠ K J 9 7

♥ 8 7

♦ A K J 6 2

♣ 10 2



♠ Q 10 8 3

♥ A K 6 5

♦ 10

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ 5 4

♥ J 10 4

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 7 5 3

9
12 13
6

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

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

WEST's 1st bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the 1st bid shows a real suit.

So EAST shows the 4-card support and WEST bids game.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ A Q J 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 3

14
 10 9
 7

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ A K 9 7 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 8 6 5



♠ K Q 10 8 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ K 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 4

♠ 9 7
 ♥ Q 6 5 3
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ A J 7 2

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

NORTH could make a Help Suit Game
 Try in either \hat{a}^{TM} s or \hat{a}^{TM} £s.

But she doesn't need the \hat{a}^{TM} help as
 much as she does in \hat{a}^{TM} £s, so she chooses
 \hat{a}^{TM} £s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand but
 has excellent help in \hat{a}^{TM} £s

so he bids the game.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 5
♥ 10 9 6
♦ K 7
♣ A Q J 3

6
14 13
7

West

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ 8 7 2

♥ A 7

♦ Q 3 2

♣ 10 9 6 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4 3

♥ Q 4 3 2

♦ J 10 6

♣ 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 6

♥ K J 8 5

♦ A 9 8 5 4

♣ K 8

Could EAST bid 2

♠

, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so. WEST does not have four

♠

s

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠ s.

EAST should ignore the

♠

suit and bid 3 NT.