

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ 8 7 6 4
 ♦ K Q J T 8
 ♣ A 9 4

♠ K 4

♥ K J 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ T 8 3

♥ A 9 3

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ T 8 5

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5

♥ Q T 2

♦ 7

♣ 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♣

Pass

1♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

2♠

4♠ by North

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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

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2



♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

2♥

4♥ by North

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

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

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SOUTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

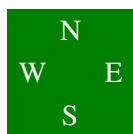
s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

Board 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 9 2
 ♥ A 9 8 5
 ♦ J T 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

♠ A Q 5
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K Q 9 4
 ♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ T 7 6 4
 ♥ T 3
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ A Q T 3

♠ J 8 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 5

West	North	East	South
			2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

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 NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

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

teeth and passes.

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

Board 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ Q T 8 6 2
 ♣ A Q 8 7 2

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

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♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3

West

North

East

South

2♥

Pass

2♠

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by South

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SOUTH expects to be better off in than NORTH
would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round
force or not, NORTH should make the 3 bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the game.

Board 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ T 8 7
 ♣ K J 7 5

♠ A K 7 5
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ K Q J 5 4
 ♣ A



♠ Q T 8 3
 ♥ T
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

♠ 6
 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4
 ♦ 6 3 2
 ♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
			3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

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 SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

NORTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

with confidence.