

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3 2

13
6 9
12

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 4

North

1♥

4♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

4♣

Pass

♠ K 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7

SOUTH's 4[♣] is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

âTM¥

s and a singleton or void in âTM£s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's âTM£ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

âTM¥

game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ J 8 3

8
 13 15
 4

West

2 NT

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 2

♥ 9 8 4 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ A 10 7 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 3

♥ A 10 5 3

♦ 10 7 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

EAST bids 3[♠] to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

WEST's failure to make a Control bid in either [♠]£s,

[♠]!

s

or

[♠]¥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So EAST settles for game.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 6 5 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q J 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 10 5

16
 6 4
 14

♠ A 9 8 3

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 7 2



♠ K Q

♥ A J 10 9 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ A 9 6

♠ 10 2

♥ 5 4 2

♦ 10 6 5

♣ K J 8 4 3

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♦

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH's 3

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bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 2

2
 16 16
 6

West

1 ♠

3 NT

4 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠ by West

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ Q 9 7 5
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ J
 ♥ 10 6 2
 ♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 6

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4TM£ and 44TM¥

are Control-showing bids.

EAST knows they are missing the

4TM!

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain WEST holds the trump Ace.