

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A K J 7
None Vul	♥ 8 7
	♦ 9 7 6
	♣ K Q 5 4

♠ 8 3	♠ 10 5 4
♥ Q J 10 4 2	♥ 9 6
♦ Q 10 5	♦ A K J 3 2
♣ J 9 3	♣ 10 8 7



13	♠ Q 9 6 2
6 8	♥ A K 5 3
13	♦ 8 4
	♣ A 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

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NORTH has â™s so she bids 1â™, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the â™ fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ A K 6 2
None Vul	♥ A 10 9 3
	♦ 9 7
	♣ Q 8 2
♠ J 8	♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ Q 6	♥ K 5 4 2
♦ Q J 4 3 2	♦ 10 8 5
♣ A 9 6 3	♣ 7 5

♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			



NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

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s and â™ s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

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SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

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stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit Q 9 6 2 \heartsuit A K 5 \diamond 8 4 \clubsuit A 6 3 2		\spadesuit 10 5 \heartsuit Q J 9 4 3 2 \diamond J 10 \clubsuit J 9 8
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\spadesuit 8 4 3 \heartsuit 10 6 \diamond A K Q 5 3 2 \clubsuit 10 7	\spadesuit A K J 7 \heartsuit 8 7 \diamond 9 7 6 \clubsuit K Q 5 4
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<i>West</i> $1\diamond$ Pass Pass $4\spadesuit$ by North	<i>North</i> $1\spadesuit$ $4\spadesuit$	<i>East</i> Pass Pass	<i>South</i> $1\clubsuit$ $2\spadesuit$ Pass
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NORTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ and NORTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ K 9
None Vul	♥ 8 6 2
	♦ A K 6 3
	♣ K Q 7 5
♠ Q 8 4	♠ J 7 6
♥ K Q 9 5 4 3	♥ 7
♦ Q J	♦ 10 5 4 2
♣ J 9	♣ 10 6 4 3 2



15	♠ A 10 5 3 2
11 1	♥ A J 10
13	♦ 9 8 7
	♣ A 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

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in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

\spadesuit K 4 3 2 \heartsuit 8 5 \diamond Q 10 7 3 2 \clubsuit 8 3	19 5 9 7	\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit K Q J 7 \diamond A K 6 \clubsuit A Q 10 5 4 \spadesuit 10 8 6 \heartsuit A 9 6 4 2 \diamond 8 4 \clubsuit K 6 2	\spadesuit A Q J 7 5 \heartsuit 10 3 \diamond J 9 5 \clubsuit J 9 7
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<i>West</i> Pass	<i>North</i> 1 \clubsuit 4 \heartsuit	<i>East</i> 1 \spadesuit Pass	<i>South</i> Dbl Pass
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4 \heartsuit by North

SOUTH would have responded 1

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if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.