

Deal 1	♠ 9		
North Deals	♥ K Q J 7		
None Vul	♦ A K 6		
	♣ A Q 10 5 4		
♠ K 4 3 2		♠ A Q J 7 5	
♥ 8 5		♥ 10 3	
♦ Q 10 7 3 2		♦ J 9 5	
♣ 8 3		♣ J 9 7	
19	♠ 10 8 6		
5 9	♥ A 9 6 4 2		
7	♦ 8 4		
	♣ K 6 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ 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.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 2

8
 9 14
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West
 Dbl
 2♣
 2♣ by East

♠ Q 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ A 7 5



♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4

♠ J
 ♥ A Q J 6 5 2
 ♦ J 8 4 3
 ♣ 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	1♥
Dbl	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

WEST has four ♠'s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

EAST knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠'s, but he does have

♦'s

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

WEST has 9 points and with four ♠'s she goes back to that suit and EAST passes.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ J 8 4
 ♣ 8 7 5

♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4



♠ 10
 ♥ K Q 10 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 5 3
 ♣ A 6 3

♠ A K 6 3 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 2

14
 6 11
 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠'s, this time so she bids 1♦.

NORTH knows there

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an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 5 2 ♥ A Q 10 9 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A J 2	♠ K J 10 8 6 ♥ 6 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ 8 7 5
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8 15 11 6	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ J 8 4 2 ♣ Q 6 3
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<i>West</i> 1 ♥ 4 ♥ 4 ♥ by West	<i>North</i> 1 ♠ Pass	<i>East</i> 2 ♠ Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass	<i>EAST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in</i> $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$ <i>s. So after the overcall</i> <i>he makes a Support Cue-bid of $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.</i>
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WEST adds her 16 to the 11 that EAST has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

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If EAST had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.