

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ Q J 10 4 2
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ J 9 3

13
 6 8
 13

♠ A K J 7
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ K Q 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ A K 5 3
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ A 6 2

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

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

♥

♠.

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

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

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ A 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ Q 8 2

3
 13 14
 10

West

Dbl

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ 10 5 4 3
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ 7 5



♠ J 8
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 4 3 2
 ♣ A 9 6 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

South

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

♥

s and ♠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

♥

♠.

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

♦

stopper he bids 1 NT.

WEST happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 9 4 3 2

♦ J 10

♣ J 9 8

13
5 9
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

♠ N
♥ W E
♦ S
♣

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

♥

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1♠.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2♠ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5 3 2
 ♥ A J 10
 ♦ 9 8 7
 ♣ A 8

11
 13 15
 1

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♥	Dbl	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ K Q 9 5 4 3
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ J 9



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

♠ K 9
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ A K 6 3
 ♣ K Q 7 5

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2

♥

in front

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

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

♥

s, so

he bids 2 NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to

3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 10 7 3 2
♣ 8 3

19
5 9
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A K 6

♣ A Q 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 6

♥ A 9 6 4 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K 6 2

North

1 ♣

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ A Q J 7 5

♥ 10 3

♦ J 9 5

♣ J 9 7

SOUTH would have responded 1

♥

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

♥

s and enough points to bid game.

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

♥

,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

8
9 14
9

West

Dbl

2 ♣

2 ♣ by East

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

South

1 ♥

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

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

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

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ A 6 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ 8 7 5

14
6 11
9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4



♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ 10

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ A 6 3

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

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

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

8
15 11
6

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ K J 10 8 6

♥ 6

♦ A 10 5 3

♣ 8 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ J 8 4 2

♣ Q 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

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.

Deal 9

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ K J 4 2
♣ J 6 3

12
9 13
6

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2



♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ 10 8 6
♣ K 10 9 4

♠ A Q J 10 6
♥ 6
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ 8 7 5

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

♥

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the ♠ bid, SOUTH can jump to 3

♥

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

♥

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Deal 10

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

12

13 11

4

West

2 ♦

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ J 10 7

♦ A K Q 8 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ J 10 5

♥ Q 8 5 2

♦ J 10 5 4

♣ 9 6

North

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, WEST shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just returned to 2♠ which WEST would pass.

Deal 11

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

♠ —

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ K Q 10 9 5 4



♠ J 10 5 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A K J 10 5 4

♣ J

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

13
6 12
9

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

Pass

2 ♦

1 ♦

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which NORTH passes.

Deal 12

West Deals

None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by West			

WEST has a maximum 1

♥

opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

♥

s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3

♥ K 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 6 3

14
8 9
9

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 10 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A 10 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2

♥ A Q J 3

♦ J 8 4

♣ J 9 8 2

North

1 ♦

1 NT

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ A 9 8 5 4

♥ 8 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ Q 7 5

SOUTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1♠ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

SOUTH should pass.

Deal 14

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 8 6
♣ K 10 4

11
13 7
9

West

1 ♦

2 ♠

2 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 8
♥ A K Q 10 5 2
♦ J 5 4
♣ 7



♠ 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 3 2
♣ A Q J 6 5 3

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

With five ♠s EAST bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

WEST knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

EAST doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

Deal 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

♠ Q 8
♥ J 6 4
♦ A 5
♣ K Q J 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ J 10 9 3 2
♣ 7 3

13
13 1
13

♠ A J 7
♥ K 9 8 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ 5 4

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

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

♥

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

♥

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Deal 16

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 5
♥ 8 7
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K J 10

12
13 8
7

West

1 ♦

2 ♠

2 ♠ by West

♠ 6

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 9 7 3

♣ A Q 9 2



♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ K J 4

♦ K 5 4 2

♣ 7 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Dbl

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ J 10

♣ 8 6 5 3

EAST has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

WEST also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

EAST is happy to pass.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ 10 8 7 6 2
♣ 10 8 5

12
3 11
14

West

Pass
Pass

4♥ by North

North

1♥
3♥
Pass

♠ 10 2
♥ K Q J 7 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ 9 6 3



♠ J 8 5
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K Q J 2

East

1♠
Pass
Pass

South

2♠
4♥

SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit Raise strength and



support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can only return to 3



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SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points he promised, so he now bids 4



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Deal 18

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ A Q 8 2

10
11 12
7

West

Dbl
Pass

3 ♣ by East

♠ K 10
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ A J 8
♣ 9 7 6 3



♠ A Q J 5 4 3
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 6 5 2
♣ 5

North

Pass
Pass

East

1 ♥
3 ♣

South

2 ♠
Pass

WEST has a 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to SOUTH's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

EAST has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and WEST passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ Q J 8 7 6 3
 ♣ A K 10

10
 11 0
 19

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4

♣ Q J 6 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q J 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 7

♦ K 2

♣ 8

♠ 8 6 4

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 10 9 5

♣ 9 7 4 3

West North East South

2 ♦ 3 ♦ Pass 1 ♠
 Pass 5 ♦ Pass 4 NT
 Pass Pass Pass 6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ J 3
♣ A K 5 4

8
13 13
6

West
1 ♣
3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by West

♠ A K J 7 6 2
♥ 10 4 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ 10



♠ Q 10 4
♥ 6 5
♦ A 9 7 6
♣ 9 7 6 3

North
2 ♠
Pass
Pass

East
Dbl
4 ♥

South
Pass
Pass

EAST can't bid 3



because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

WEST has four



s and he now bids them.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 4



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Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A Q
♦ J 10 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7

13
7 9
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ K Q J 4



♠ K 10 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

3 ♠

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 22

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ A K J 6 4

11
12 12
5

West
1 ♣
3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by East

♠ K J 10 8 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ A K 9 5
♣ —



♠ Q 6 4
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ 10 9 7 5 3

North
1 ♠
Pass
Pass

East
2 ♥
4 ♥

South
Pass
Pass

EAST has 13 points and a 5-card

♥

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

♥

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Knowing EAST has five

♥

s WEST can support with just three.

EAST bids the

♥

game.

Deal 23

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ K 3
♣ K Q J 9 7 2

W N
S E

♠ 10 8 7 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ 10 5

11
13 2
14

♠ K 9
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 8 3

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

NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after WEST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

♥

, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 6

4
 8 18
 10

West

1 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 8 7 5 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ K 8 5 4 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 8 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K Q 5 3
 ♣ Q 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 NT

South

1 ♠

Pass

WEST has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s so she responds 1 NT.

EAST has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3 NT.