

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 6
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 4 2
 ♣ A 8 5 4 2

11
 6 9
 14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♥ by South

♠ A 8 4 2
 ♥ Q J 8 6
 ♦ A 9 8 6 3
 ♣ —



♠ K 5
 ♥ A K 10 7 5 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ J 9 6

North

4♣

5 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1♥

4 NT

7♥

NORTH's jump to 4th ♠ is a Splinter bid,
 at least 4-card

4th ♠

support,

at least opening hand, and a 4th ♠
 Singleton or Void.

SOUTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

NORTH's 5 NT reply shows two Aces and
 a Void somewhere, obviously 4th ♠s.

SOUTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

4th ♠

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 6 4

♦ J 10 3 2

♣ 8 7 5

8
5 9
18

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ —

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ K 9 8 6 4

♣ J 9 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 5 3

♥ K Q J 10 3

♦ A

♣ K Q 10 6

North

3 ♥

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2

♥ 8 2

♦ Q 7 5

♣ A 4

SOUTH figures that if NORTH holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

NORTH only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

\hat{a}^{TM}

s.

SOUTH manages to figure out that NORTH has a \hat{a}^{TM} void and bids the slam anyway.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ 10 5

8
7 8
17*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠



♠ Q 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ 9 3 2

♣ A Q 9 8 2

SOUTH may have a good hand but
NORTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if NORTH has a maximum there
won't be a slam.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 7 4

♣ 10 9 8

10
7 7
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ Q 7 5 3

♥ 10 9 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ K J 4

N
W E
S

♠ —

♥ K Q J 8 6 3

♦ K J 2

♣ A Q 6 5

North

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

SOUTH has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and NORTH shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless \hat{a}^{TM} A. Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A,

he bids 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\Upsilon$

, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!