

Deal 1

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

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



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4 4
17

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five \hat{a}^{TM} s by her 3 NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{Y}$

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Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4 \hat{a}^{TM} . Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{Y}$

denied first-round control in both \hat{a}^{TM} s and

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{I}$

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ A 10 7 5 3

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♠ A 7 6 3
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 2



♠ 10 4 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K 10 3 2
♣ J 9 6

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7

12
9 6
13



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 4

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3 2

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

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

NORTH's 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$ s and a singleton or void in $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$ s.SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$ shortness. In fact,

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

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

game.

Deal 4

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

$\begin{matrix} 13 \\ 4 \quad 8 \\ 15 \end{matrix}$	♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
	♥ Q J 7
	♦ J 2
	♣ K Q

West	North	East	South	
			1 ♠	
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	s, means just one thing -
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass	She doesn't have any controls.
Pass				So SOUTH settles for game.
4 ♠ by South				

SOUTH bids 3 \hat{a}^{TM} to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{E}s$,

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

s

or

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

Deal 5
 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
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ 9 7 5 4

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2 6
16

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W		E	
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♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3

♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4â™£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.