

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 5 3
♥ J 10
♦ 10 7 2
♣ 7 4 3

16
9 8
7

West

Pass
Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A K 5 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A K Q



♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ A J 4
♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥
3 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 ♥
Pass

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps
raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good
enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 2

10
4 17
9

West

Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by East

♠ Q 9 5

♥ A Q 10

♦ J 2

♣ J 10 7 6 4



♠ 10 2

♥ J 6 4

♦ K Q 10 7

♣ K 8 5 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

♠ K J 8 7 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ A 9 5

♣ A Q

WEST has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

EAST, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1st .

WEST still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ K Q

9
9 6
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ A 7



♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 5
♣ J 8 6

♠ A
♥ J 9 8 5 3
♦ J
♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠].

NORTH has good [♠] support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton [♠].

It is easily worth a raise to 2[♠]

SOUTH cannot bid game yet, after all, NORTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3[♠] bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4[♠].

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ 8 5

7
12 11
10

West

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by West

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ A 7
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 9 6 4



♠ A 10 4
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K J 10 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♥

South

Pass

WEST has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

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EAST has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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WEST knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.