

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ A K J 7
None Vul	♥ 8 7
	♦ 9 7 6
	♣ K Q 5 4

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



13	♠ Q 9 6 2
6 8	♥ A K 5 3
13	♦ 8 4
	♣ A 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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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

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NORTH has â™'s so she bids 1â™, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the â™ 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  
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♠ 10 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 5 4 2  
 ♦ 10 8 5  
 ♣ 7 5



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	1♣	1♦
3 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 NT by East			Pass

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

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s and â™ 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

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

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stopper he bids 1 NT.

WEST happily bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

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

**13**  
5 9  
**13**

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

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

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s.

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

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

has enough strength to bid game.

**Deal 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ A 10 5 3 2</b> <b>♥ A J 10</b> <b>♦ 9 8 7</b> <b>♣ A 8</b>  <b>11</b> <b>13 15</b> <b>1</b>	<b>♠ Q 8 4</b> <b>♥ K Q 9 5 4 3</b> <b>♦ Q J</b> <b>♣ J 9</b>  <b>♠ K 9</b> <b>♥ 8 6 2</b> <b>♦ A K 6 3</b> <b>♣ K Q 7 5</b>  <b>♠ J 7 6</b> <b>♥ 7</b> <b>♦ 10 5 4 2</b> <b>♣ 10 6 4 3 2</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	Dbl	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

3 NT.

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2

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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

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

$\spadesuit$ K 4 3 2 $\heartsuit$ 8 5 $\diamond$ Q 10 7 3 2 $\clubsuit$ 8 3	<b>19</b> <b>5 9</b> <b>7</b>	$\spadesuit$ 9 $\heartsuit$ K Q J 7 $\diamond$ A K 6 $\clubsuit$ A Q 10 5 4  $\spadesuit$ 10 8 6 $\heartsuit$ A 9 6 4 2 $\diamond$ 8 4 $\clubsuit$ K 6 2	$\spadesuit$ A Q J 7 5 $\heartsuit$ 10 3 $\diamond$ J 9 5 $\clubsuit$ J 9 7
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<i>West</i> Pass	<i>North</i> 1 $\clubsuit$ 4 $\heartsuit$	<i>East</i> 1 $\spadesuit$ Pass	<i>South</i> Dbl Pass
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4  $\heartsuit$  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 6**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2  
 ♥ 9 3  
 ♦ 9 7 2  
 ♣ Q 9 8 2

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 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.