

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ T 6

♦ Q 7 5 3

♣ T 8 2

♠ K Q J

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 9 4

♣ J 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 5 4 2

♥ 7 2

♦ K 8 6

♣ A 7 3

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J T 2

♣ K Q 9 4

West	North	East	South	.
	1♥	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 13
 SOUTH's 3 bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one loser anyway. She signs off in 4

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ A T 9 8

♥ T 7 6

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ J T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ A 6 5

♠ K Q J 5 2
♥ 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

6♥ by East

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This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 2

♦ K T 9

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q

♥ A K 8

♦ 7 5 4 3

♣ J T 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 2

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 9 8 2

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q J T 7 6

♦ J 8

♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	.

4♥ by North

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 NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for
 SOUTH's 1

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 .

When SOUTH next says 2NT NORTH can jump to 4

game, give yourself credit anyway.

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2NT and reached the 4

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 3
♥ K J 9 6 5 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q 5

♠ T 5 2

♥ Q T 4

♦ A T 8 5

♣ T 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A J 9 2

♠ A 9 8 7 6 4
♥ -
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

5♥ by East

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WEST bids 3 to show a strong hand with a singleton

After EAST shows her first-round control WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 4 3

♥ 5 4

♦ A T 5

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 5 2

♥ T 6

♦ K 4 3 2

♣ A T 7

♠ A Q 9

♥ Q J 8 3

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ J 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

just bids 4

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NORTH bids 4 after SOUTH's Jacoby 2NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the A so he

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
 ♥ K 8 7 5
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ 6 4

♠ T 3
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ T 9 8 7 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 7 6 5
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ A Q

♠ 2
 ♥ T 4 3 2
 ♦ Q T 9 8 6
 ♣ K J 2

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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 WEST should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

EAST has more than enough strength to bid game after WEST's limit raise. If WEST had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2NT response, EAST would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.