

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5

♥ K T 7 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ T 4 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ A Q 9

♦ T 9 8 6 2

♣ A 9 8 5

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3♠

3♠ by South

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 SOUTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when NORTH opens 1 SOUTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

NORTH has just 13 points, and knowing SOUTH has less than 13 he passes.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ J T 9  
♦ J T 9 7 4  
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 7 3

♥ Q 8 6 4 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ K 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

4♥ by North

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After SOUTH opens with 1

, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

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

But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens with you should just jump right to game.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

N
W
E
S

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ T 4 2
♣ 7 5

♠ Q J 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K Q 3
♣ K T 6 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit.

With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

SOUTH now knows that will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4 .

**Board 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 2  
♥ A T 6 3  
♦ K 8 3 2  
♣ 8 7

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A  
♥ J 9 8  
♦ T 9 5 4  
♣ Q J T 5 2

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

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .