

Deal 1

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

7	8 9	16
♠	♥	♦
7	A K 5 4 2	8 5
8 9	♦ A K Q	♣ A K Q

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	.
3 ♥ by South			

SOUTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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NORTH, with 7 points and four trumps
raises to 2

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

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

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 3
 ♣ 9 2

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

4
 9 10
 17

♠ A 6 3

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4 3

♣ 9 2

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

♠ K J 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q

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

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♦.

NORTH 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	 ♠ A ♥ J 9 8 5 3 ♦ J ♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2
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♠ K Q J 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ J 8 6	9 9 6 16
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass			Pass
4 ♠ by South			

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

to open 1 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH has good \hat{a} TM support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton \hat{a} TM£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 \hat{a} TM

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

continue with a 3 \hat{a} TM bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ A 7
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 9 6 4

11
7 10
12

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♥ by South			

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ A Q 3

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♠ A 10 4
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K J 10 7 2

♠ K J 6
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ 8 5

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

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.