

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ J 4 3
♣ 8 5 4

17
4 5
14

♠ K Q
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ K Q 10 9 2



♠ A 5
♥ A J 10 9 6 2
♦ K Q 7
♣ 6 3

♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 3
♦ 10 8 6 5 2
♣ A J 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3

♠TM♣

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what NORTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

♠TM♣

if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

♠TM♣

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

♠TM♣

if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —		♠ 8 5 3
♥ 8 6 4 2		♥ 10 3
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2		♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 2		♣ A 9 7 6 3

15
4 4
17

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ A Q 10 6 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ K J

♣ J 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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			1 ♠
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Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
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Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
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Pass	Pass	Pass	
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4 ♠ by South

SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five ♠s by her 3 NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

♠

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Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs of at 4♠. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

♠

denied first-round control in both ♠s and

♠

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ 6 5 3 2
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ A 10 7 5 3

15
 5 8
 12

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ A Q 8 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 2



♠ K Q J 8 5
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ 8 4

♠ 10 4 2
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ A K 10 3 2
 ♣ J 9 6

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

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4th .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3

♥ 5

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7

12
9 6
13

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4



♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5

North

4♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♥

4♥

NORTH's 4th is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

4ths and a singleton or void in 4ths.

SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's 4th shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

4th

game.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ 10 7 6 4
♣ 9 6 4

13
4 8
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3

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♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

SOUTH bids 3[♠] to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either [♠]£s,

[♠]!

s

or

[♠]¥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.