

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2  
 ♥ 8 5  
 ♦ Q J T 9 5 3 2  
 ♣ 9 7

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q J 5 4 3  
 ♥ T 3  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ J 8 3

♠ T 8 6  
 ♥ A 9 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 4  
 ♣ K 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

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 SOUTH would have responded 1

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

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH  
 would have responded 1

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ J 8 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ Q T 4

♣ A 7 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J T 4

♠ Q 5

♥ A Q J T 6 4

♦ J 8 5 3

♣ 6

West

North

East

South

Dbl

Pass

1NT

Pass

2♣

All Pass

2♣ by West

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WEST has four ♠ so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

EAST knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠ but he does have

s

stopped. He bids 1NT.

WEST has 9 points and with four ♠ she goes back to that suit and EAST passes.

Board 3  
North Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ J T 5 4  
♥ A 2  
♦ J 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5 3

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

N

W      E

S

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

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Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five      this time so she bids 1      .

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in      so he bids 2      .

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 5 2  
 ♥ A Q T 9 3  
 ♦ 9 7  
 ♣ A J 2

♠ K Q J 8 6 4

♥ J 6

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K T 9 4

♠ T 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A T 8 4 2

♣ Q 8 5 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

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EAST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 .

WEST adds her 16 to the 11 that EAST has promised  
as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

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If EAST had significantly more than 11 he could bid  
on, but in this case he should happily pass.