

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 3 2

14
7 6
13

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH's 3rd 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.

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

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

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 5 2

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 7 6 3

♣ 8 3 2

14
5 8
13

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J 10 2

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ K 4

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 8 5

♣ J 10 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♦

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥

6 ♥ by South

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

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

This time NORTH's \hat{a}^{TM} shortness complements her hand very well. She bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A she

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

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ 9 7

13
5 9
13

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J 10 6 5



♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 10 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

North

2 ♣
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
2 NT
Pass

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

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opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT 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 2 NT NORTH can jump to 4

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

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game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ Q 10

♦ A 4 3

♣ 10 8 4 3

15
6 4
15

♠ K Q J

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A J 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ K J 9 6 5 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q 5

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥ by South

SOUTH bids 3[♠] to show a strong hand with a singleton [♠].

After NORTH shows her first-round [♠] control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

[♠]

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Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 9
♥ Q J 8 3
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ J 2

♠ K 10 8 7 5
♥ 6 5
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ 10 7



♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 10 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ A 9 4 3

13
7 8
12

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 8 6 5

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

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

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

be some level of

TM♣

s.

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

TM♣

control at

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

just bids 4

TM♣

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Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ J 10 8 7 3



♠ —
♥ Q 10 6 3 2
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ K 9 5 2

11
5 7
17

♠ A K 9 7 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 5
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

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

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

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

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

and perhaps gotten too high.