

Deal 1	♠ K Q	SOUTH is too weak to open 1		
South Deals	♥ Q J	â™¥		
None Vul	♦ A K Q 6 5			
	♣ K J 4 2			
♠ A J 9 8 3	♠ 10 5 2	but just right for 2		
♥ 10 5	♥ 8 6 2			
♦ J 9 8 3	♦ 10 4			
♣ 10 8	♣ A 9 7 6 3			
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	♠ 7 6 4			
	♥ A K 9 7 4 3	Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good		
21 6 4 9	♦ 7 2			
	♣ Q 5			
West	North	East	South	â™¥
			2 ♥	
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass	s. Could this be time for a slam try?
Pass				Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has
4 ♥ by South				six
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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 3

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West

Pass
2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

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♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are delusional.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

\spadesuit K 8 4 \heartsuit A Q 10 6 4 2 \diamond 4 \clubsuit 9 6 5 \spadesuit 7 3 2 \heartsuit K 9 8 \diamond Q 7 6 3 2 \clubsuit A 4 9 9 7 15 ♣ K J 3	\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit J 5 3 \diamond K J 10 8 \clubsuit Q 10 8 7 2 \spadesuit A Q J 10 6 5 \heartsuit 7 \diamond A 9 5 \clubsuit K J 3
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West North East South

Pass 2 \heartsuit Pass 2 \spadesuit
 Pass 3 \spadesuit Pass 4 \spadesuit
 Pass Pass Pass
 4 \spadesuit by South

SOUTH expects to be better off in \hat{a}^{TM} 's than NORTH would be in 2

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, NORTH should make the 3 \hat{a}^{TM} bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the \hat{a}^{TM} game.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 2
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ A 10 9
 ♣ K 9 5 2

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♠ A K 7 5
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ K Q J 5 4
 ♣ A

♠ Q J 9 3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

♠ 6
 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4
 ♦ 6 3 2
 ♣ 8 4

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

SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

NORTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

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with confidence.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3		
♥ 7 6		
♦ 9 7		
♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2		
	♠ 9 8 7 6	
	♥ A 9 8 3	
	♦ K 8 6 5	
	♣ 3	
♠ A Q 10		
♥ K Q J		
♦ Q J 10 3		
♣ A J 10		



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by South			

NORTH doesn't have much of a 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{E}$ opening bid.

But SOUTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{E}$ would go down 1.

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

♠ 9 7 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 9 6 3

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♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A 10 8 7 5

♠ J 4
♥ K J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

West North East South

Pass 2 NT Pass 2 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by South

When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

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bid, NORTH knows she will
force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has
anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more
information.

SOUTH returns to

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s to show bare minimum so NORTH
settles for game.