

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 5 3
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ 7 4 3

16
 9 8
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A K Q



♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ Q 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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

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

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ K J 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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♠TM.

NORTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7

16
6 9
9

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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

to open 1[♠].

SOUTH has good [♠] support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton [♠]£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2[♠]

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

continue with a 3[♠] bid in hopes that SOUTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

SOUTH comes through with 4[♠].

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ 9 6 4

11
 7 10
 12

West

Pass
 Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ Q 9 6 4
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ A Q 3

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♠ K J 6
 ♥ K J 8 5 2
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 8 5

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

South

1 ♥
 Pass

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.