

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 10 4 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♦	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♦ by North			

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♠ 10 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A K J 3 2
♣ 10 8 7

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

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♠.

NORTH has ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the ♠ fit so he bids game.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ A 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ Q 8 2

3
 13 14
 10

♠ 10 5 4 3
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ 7 5



♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4

♠ J 8
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 4 3 2
 ♣ A 9 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	1♣	1♦
3 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 NT by East			Pass

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

♥

s and ♠s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

♥

♣.

EAST doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

♦

stopper he bids 1 NT.

WEST happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 7
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ K Q 5 4

♠ 10 5
 ♥ Q J 9 4 3 2
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ J 9 8



♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ A K Q 5 3 2
 ♣ 10 7

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ A 6 3 2

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

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1♠.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2♠ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ K Q 9 5 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ J 9

♠ A 10 5 3 2
♥ A J 10
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A 8

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13 ¹⁵
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♠ K 9
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ J 7 6
♥ 7
♦ 10 5 4 2
♣ 10 6 4 3 2

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

3 NT.

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2



in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

WEST doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in



s, so

he bids 2 NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

<p>♠ K 4 3 2 ♥ 8 5 ♦ Q 10 7 3 2 ♣ 8 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19 5 9 7</p>		<p>♠ 9 ♥ K Q J 7 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A Q 10 5 4</p> <p>♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ J 9 7</p> <p>♠ 10 8 6 ♥ A 9 6 4 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 6 2</p>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass

4♥ by North

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



,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 2

8
 9 14
 9

♠ Q 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ A 7 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4

♠ J
 ♥ A Q J 6 5 2
 ♦ J 8 4 3
 ♣ 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♣	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♣ by East			Pass

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

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

♥

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

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

Deal 7

North Deals	♠ Q 9 7
None Vul	♥ J 8 7
	♦ A K 6
	♣ K J 10 4
♠ J 8 5 4	♠ 10
♥ A 6 2	♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ J 8 4	♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ 8 7 5	♣ A 6 3



14	♠ A K 6 3 2
6 11	♥ 9 3
9	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠s, this time so she bids 1♠.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

8	♠ Q 4 3
15 11	♥ J 5 2
6	♦ J 8 4 2
	♣ Q 6 3

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

W	N	E	S
♠ 9 7	♥ K 8 7 4	♦ K Q 6	♣ K 10 9 4

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

♥

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

happily pass.

Deal 9

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 6 3

♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A Q 2



♠ A Q J 10 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 8 7 5

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ 10 8 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4

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9 13
6

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

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2



raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the ♠ bid,
SOUTH can jump to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3



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Deal 10
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2

12
13 11
4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 4

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 6

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

WEST has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, WEST shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just returned to 2♠ which WEST would pass.

Deal 11
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ Q 8 6 2	♥ A K 9 3	♦ 9 7	♣ A 8 2
♥ J 10 7 2			♦ Q 8	
♦ 8 6 2			♦ A K J 10 5 4	
♣ K Q 10 9 5 4			♣ J	
	♠ A K 9 7 3			
13 6 12 9	♥ 6 5 4			
	♦ Q 3			
	♣ 7 6 3			
West	North	East	South	
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠	
2 ♠ by South				

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which NORTH passes.

Deal 12

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K 10 8 7
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A K 6

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W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 9 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 7 6 3
♣ J 7 4

♠ 10 6 4 2
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 10 9 5 3 2

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

WEST has a maximum 1

♥

opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

♥

s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 10 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A 10 4

♠ 10 3

♥ K 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2
♥ A Q J 3
♦ J 8 4
♣ J 9 8 2

West

North

East

South

1♦

1♠

Dbl

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

SOUTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1♠ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

SOUTH should pass.

Deal 14West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ K 10 4

11
 13 7
 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ A K Q 10 5 2
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ 7

♠ A K 6 4 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 10 9 7
 ♣ 9 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ by East

With five ♠s EAST bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

WEST knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

EAST doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

Deal 15
 South Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ A 5 ♣ K Q J 10 9 8</p>		<p>♠ K 9 6 2 ♥ A Q 5 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A 6 2</p>
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<p>13 13 1 13</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ K Q 7 6 ♣ 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Dbl	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

♥

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

♥

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Deal 16

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q J 7 5	♦ 6
♥ 8 7	♥ A Q 10 5 2
♦ A Q 8 6	♦ 9 7 3
♣ K J 10	♣ A Q 9 2
12 13 7	10 9 4 3 9 KJ 4 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠ by West			



♠ A K 8 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ J 10
♣ 8 6 5 3

EAST has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

WEST also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

EAST is happy to pass.

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ 10 2		
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 6		
	♦ A Q 5		
	♣ 9 6 3		
♠ K	♠ A Q 9 7 6 4 3		
♥ 9 5 3 2	♥ —		
♦ 10 8 7 6 2	♦ J 4 3		
♣ 10 8 5	♣ A 7 4		
	♠ J 8 5		
12 3 11 14	♥ A 10 8 4		
	♦ K 9		
	♣ K Q J 2		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit Raise strength and



support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can only return to 3



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SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points he promised, so he now bids 4



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Deal 18East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K Q 9 7
 ♣ A Q 8 2

10
11 **12**
 7

♠ K 10
 ♥ Q 9 4 2
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 9 7 6 3



 ♠ 9 7 ♠ A K J 8 7
 ♥ A K J 8 7 ♦ 4 3
 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K J 10 4
 ♣ K J 10 4

♠ A Q J 5 4 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ 10 6 5 2
 ♣ 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♣ by East			

WEST has a 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to SOUTH's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

EAST has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and WEST passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K 10 9 3
♥	6 5
♦	A 4
♣	Q J 6 5 2

♠	—
♥	J 8 3 2
♦	Q J 8 7 6 3
♣	A K 10

10	♠ A Q J 7 5 2
11	♥ A K Q 7
19	♦ K 2
	♣ 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 ♠
6 ♠ by South			



NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 7 6 2

♥ 10 4 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ 10

♠ 9 5 3

♥ K Q 8 7

♦ J 3

♣ A K 5 4

8

13 13

6



♠ 8

♥ A J 9 3

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ Q J 8 2

♠ Q 10 4

♥ 6 5

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ 9 7 6 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

2 ♠

Dbl

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

EAST can't bid 3

♥

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

WEST has four

♥

s and he now bids them.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 4

♥

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Deal 21North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ J 10 8 3 2
 ♣ 10 9 8 7

13
 7 9
11



♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ K Q J 4

♠ A 7 2
 ♥ K 10 9 6 5 4 3
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ 5

♠ K 10 6 5
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ A 6 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3♠ by North			

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 22West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ A K J 6 4

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♠ K J 10 8 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ A K 9 5
♣ —



♠ A 5
♥ K Q J 8 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ Q 8 2

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ 10 9 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by East			

EAST has 13 points and a 5-card



suit so she should not use a Negative Double. Instead she just bids 2



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Knowing EAST has five



s WEST can support with just three.

EAST bids the



game.

Deal 23

South Deals	♠ Q J 5
None Vul	♥ K 10 5 3
	♦ A J 6 2
	♣ 6 4
♠ A 6 2	♠ 10 8 7 4 3
♥ 8 4	♥ 7 2
♦ K 3	♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ K Q J 9 7 2	♣ 10 5

11	♠ K 9
13 2	♥ A Q J 9 6
14	♦ 10 5 4
	♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after WEST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

♥

, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 6

4
 8 18
 10

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 8 7 5 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ K 8 5 4 3

W N E
 S ♠ 10 5
 ♥ A K Q 6 3
 ♦ A 10 8
 ♣ A J 7

♠ K 8 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K Q 5 3
 ♣ Q 2

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

WEST has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s so she responds 1 NT.

EAST has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3 NT.