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

♠ 10 5 4
♡ 9 6
♢ A K J 3 2
♣ 10 8 7

13
6 8
13

♠ Q 9 6 2
♡ A K 5 3
♢ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♣	1 ♢	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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 â™s so she bids 1â™, showing a minimum opener.

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

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♡ A 10 9 3
♢ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2

♠ J 8
♡ Q 6
♢ Q J 4 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ 10 5 4 3
♡ K 5 4 2
♢ 10 8 5
♣ 7 5

13
10 3
14

♠ Q 9 7
♡ J 8 7
♢ A K 6
♣ K J 10 4

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♣
1 ♢	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

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s and â™ 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

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

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Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♡ A K 5
♢ 8 4
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ 8 4 3
♡ 10 6
♢ A K Q 5 3 2
♣ 10 7

♠ 10 5
♡ Q J 9 4 3 2
♢ J 10
♣ J 9 8

13
9 5
13

♠ A K J 7
♡ 8 7
♢ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♣
1 ♢	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

NORTH 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, 1â™ .

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

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9
♡ 8 6 2
♢ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ Q 8 4
♡ K Q 9 5 4 3
♢ Q J
♣ J 9

♠ J 7 6
♡ 7
♢ 10 5 4 2
♣ 10 6 4 3 2

15
11 1
13

♠ A 10 5 3 2
♡ A J 10
♢ 9 8 7
♣ A 8

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♠
2 ♡	Dbl	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

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in front

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

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

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♡ K Q J 7
♦ A K 6
♣ A Q 10 5 4

♠ K 4 3 2
♡ 8 5
♦ Q 10 7 3 2
♣ 8 3

♠ A Q J 7 5
♡ 10 3
♦ J 9 5
♣ J 9 7

19
5 9
7

♠ 10 8 6
♡ A 9 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 6 2

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♡ by North

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.

SOUTH would have responded 1

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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

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s and enough points to bid game.

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

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♡ 9 3
♢ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

♠ J
♡ A Q J 6 5 2
♢ J 8 4 3
♣ 6 3

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♠ Q 8 5 4 3
♡ 10 4
♢ Q 10 5
♣ A 7 5

9
9 8
14

♠ 10 9 7
♡ K 8 7
♢ A K 6
♣ K J 10 4

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♣
1 ♡	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2 ♣ by South

NORTH has four â™ s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in â™ s, but he does have

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s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four â™£s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.