

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ A 9 7 6 3

9
 4 6
 21

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ A K 9 7 4 3
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ Q 5



♠ K Q
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ A K Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 4 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH is too weak to open 1

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but just right for 2

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Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

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s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So SOUTH 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

15
 7 11
 7

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3

♠ 9

♥ J 5 3

♦ K J 10 8

♣ Q 10 8 7 2



♠ 7 3 2

♥ K 9 8

♦ Q 7 6 3 2

♣ A 4

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q 10 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

15
7 9
9

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

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by North

Pass

NORTH expects to be better off in 2♠ than SOUTH would be in 2♥

2♠

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, SOUTH should make the 3♥ bid with

a hand this good. NORTH then bids the 2♥ game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 2

♥ 10 2

♦ A 10 9

♣ K 9 5 2

20
7 6
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ A

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♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

North

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6 5

♣ 3

20
7 7
6

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A J 10



♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

Pass

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3TM£ opening bid.

But NORTH 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 5TM£ 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



♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A 10 8 7 5

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5 7
5

♠ J 4
♥ K J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

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| | | | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 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.