

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 8 6 5

♠ 10 8

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A 10 5 3

♣ A K 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

 West      North      East      South  
 11 4 8    17                        1 ♥

 Pass      Pass      Pass  
 1 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 18 points and a 5-card

♥

suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

♥

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NORTH has three

♥

s which is adequate support. But NORTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So NORTH passes.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
7 11  
16

♠ K 8 2  
♥ K 5 4 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 9 8 3 2

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 9 6 4  
♥ A 9  
♦ K 7 4  
♣ K Q J

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

now bid 4♦ - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth ♠. This is a middle-range hand with five ♠s.

So he opens 1♠.

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

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But she does have three ♠s, so she can respond 2♠.

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3♠.

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10 3  
♥ Q 10 9 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ A 9 6 3

8  
9 12  
11

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

2♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5  
♥ K J 7 4  
♦ J 9 4 2  
♣ J 8

♠ 8  
W N E  
S ♠ A 5 2  
♦ K Q 8 5 3  
♣ K 10 7 2

♠ A J 9 6 4 2

♥ 8 3  
♦ A 6

♣ Q 5 4

With 8 points, NORTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

SOUTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count.  
He opens 1♠.

Although NORTH passed originally, she must respond to SOUTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♠.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8	9	8	15
♠ A K	♥ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ K Q 3	♣ 7 5

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



♠ Q 9 4 2	♦ 3	♣ K Q 3
♥ 3	♦ J 10 9 6 5	♣ K Q 3

SOUTH has 17 points and six

♥

s.

This is a mid-range 1

♥

opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton), NORTH raises to 2

♥

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He invites with 3

NORTH had a strong 2

♥

raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

♥

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**Deal 5**

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

7	8 9	16
♠	♥	♦
7	A K 5 4 2	8 5
8	♦	♣
9	A K Q	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by South			



SOUTH opens 1

♥

with 17 points and five

♥

s.

NORTH, with 7 points and four trumps  
raises to 2

♥

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

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

**Deal 6**

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

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

♠ K J 8 7 4  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ A Q

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

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠.

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

an opening one bid.

**Deal 7**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ 8 7 2</b> <b>♥ 10 6 2</b> <b>♦ A 10 8 7 3</b> <b>♣ K Q</b>	<b>♠ 10 9 6 3</b> <b>♥ K Q 4</b> <b>♦ 9 6 4 2</b> <b>♣ A 7</b>
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	<b>♠ A</b> <b>♥ J 9 8 5 3</b> <b>♦ J</b> <b>♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2</b>
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**♠ K Q J 5 4**

<b>9</b> <b>9 6</b> <b>16</b>	<b>♥ A 7</b> <b>♦ K Q 5</b> <b>♣ J 8 6</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>1 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>
Pass			Pass
<b>4 ♠ by South</b>			

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

to open 1♦.

NORTH has good ♠ support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton ♣.

It is easily worth a raise to 2♦

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

continue with a 3♦ bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4♦.

**Deal 8**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ A 7  
♦ J 9 8 5  
♣ 9 6 4

<sup>11</sup>  
<sub>7</sub>    <sup>10</sup>  
<sub>12</sub>

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 2  
♥ Q 9 6 4  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ A Q 3

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

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

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

♥

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NORTH has 11 points and good

♥

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.

**Deal 9**

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

11	♠ 8 6 3
10	♥ A K Q 7 2
12	♦ K 6

♣ 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♥ by South			

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

♥

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NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

♥

opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

♥

(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but SOUTH can add and he knows the total

**Deal 10**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 5 4  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ J 4  
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6  
10 11  
13

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♠      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
2 ♠ by South

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

♠ 8  
N  
W E  
S  
♦ J 8 3  
♦ A K Q 10 6 2  
♣ J 5 2  
♠ K Q 10 7 3  
♥ A 4 2  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ A 6

SOUTH has a normal 1♠ opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠.

SOUTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. NORTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

**Deal 11**South Deals  
None Vul

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

11	♠ A Q 7 5 3
7 7	♦ K Q
15	♦ A 8 7 6
	♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			



♠ J 9 8	♦ 10 9 6
♦ J 5	♣ K Q 10 8 5

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points SOUTH should open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

SOUTH adds: her 16 plus NORTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

**Deal 12**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
8 5  
<sup>16</sup>

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

N	E
W	S

♠ A K Q 7  
♥ 7 4 3  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ Q 9 5

♠ 5  
♥ K 10 8 5 2  
♦ Q 10 9 4  
♣ 10 6 2

♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 3

SOUTH has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal SOUTH will open 1 ♠.

NORTH has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) ♠ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3 ♠.

SOUTH adds the points and ignores the fact that his ♠ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 13**

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



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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has a minimum 1



opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH also has opening hand strength, 14 points for him. He also has four of SOUTH's



s. He applies the "He who knows, goes" principle and

bids 4



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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Most experienced bridge pairs would not bid the hand quite this way, although they

would arrive at the same contract. See some of the other BakerBridge lessons for more details.

**Deal 14**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 2  
♥ Q J  
♦ Q 7 6 4  
♣ J 8 4

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A J 10 8 7 4

11  
4 6  
19

♥ A K 5  
♦ A K 3  
♣ 9

West      North      East      South  
Pass      3 ♠      Pass      6 ♠  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
6 ♠ by South

SOUTH has a powerful hand (21 points) with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1♠.

NORTH has an 11-point Limit Raise with four trumps. She jumps to 3♠.

SOUTH now knows that the partnership holds at least 32 points, perhaps 33. Since he can see that

the opponents have no way to win the first two tricks he decides to bid the slam, 6♠

**Deal 15**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q  
♥ Q 9 4 2  
♦ K Q 10 7 5  
♣ Q 7 2

8  
11 8  
13

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ J 10 9 4 3  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ 9  
♣ K 8 6 3

W	N	E	S
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♠ K 8  
♥ K J 10 8  
♦ J 6 4 2  
♣ 10 9 5

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

SOUTH has 14 points and opens 1♠, her 5-card Major.

NORTH could bid 3♠, a Limit Raise with his 11 points. But it is often a good idea,

when you have five of the Major suit that partner opened with, to just go ahead and bid

the game. So North should bid 4♠ here.

See the NOTE in Deal 13. When you use weaker 5-card support hands for your jump to game, you

need to find another way to describe your opening-hand-strength type hands.

**Deal 16**

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



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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

least nine



s between

the partners. She who KNOWS, GOES, so NORTH bids 4



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This is similar to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 13 points so he must open.  
He has five



s so he

should open 1



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NORTH, with 14 points and four



s knows there are

enough points for a game contract and at

**Deal 17**      ♠ Q 8 2  
South Deals    ♥ Q 8 4 3  
None Vul        ♦ K 7 4  
                  ♣ K Q 2

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

West        North        East        South  
Pass        3 ♥        Pass        4 ♥  
Pass        Pass        Pass  
4 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

♥

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NORTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

♥

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SOUTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows NORTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

♥

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**Deal 18**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K  
♥ A 8 7 4 2  
♦ K 9 7  
♣ 8 7 4 3

10 7  
12 11

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2  
♥ K Q 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 9 5

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

♠ A J 6 5 3  
♥ J 10 9  
♦ A Q 5 4  
♣ 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

SOUTH naturally opens 1 ♠ with her 13 point, 5-card ♠ suit hand.

NORTH might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4 ♠.

**Deal 19**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4  
 ♥ A J 8 6 4  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ 10 9 8 5

6  
 9  
 18 7

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ K 5 2  
 ♦ 8 6

♣ Q 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A Q 9 7 5 3  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ A K 3  
 ♣ K 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has 20 points, counting two extra for the fifth and sixth ♠s.

Naturally she opens 1♠.

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. He has four of partner's ♠s

so he responds 2♠.

SOUTH

KNOWS

that  $6 + 20 = 26$ , so she

GOES

to 4♠.

**Deal 20**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
8 7  
19

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 8  
♥ K Q 5 4  
♦ 9 7 5 3  
♣ 10 6 4

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

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

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

SOUTH has 20 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1

♥

rather than 2 NT.

NORTH barely has enough points for a response, but she does have four

♥

s.  
So she responds 2

♥

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SOUTH adds NORTH's 6 to his 20 and bids the game, 4

♥

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**Deal 21**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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



♠ A  
2  
12 9  
17

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      Pass      Pass      1 ♥  
1 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 20 points because she gets to add one point each for her fifth, sixth and seventh

♥

s. So she opens 1

♥

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NORTH, with just 2 points, would have passed almost anything SOUTH bid. Certainly he

passes the 1

♥

bid.

**Deal 22**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 7 3  
 ♥ J 10 5  
 ♦ 9 4 2  
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

<sup>11</sup>  
 7   9  
<sub>13</sub>

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

<p>♠ J 8 4 2    ♥ 9 7 6    ♦ Q J    ♣ A K 7 2</p>	<p>♠ 9    ♥ A 8 4 3    ♦ A 10 6 5 3    ♣ J 6 4</p>

♠ K Q 10 6 5

♥ K Q 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ 8 3

SOUTH has 14 points so he opens one of his 5-card Major suit, 1♦.

NORTH has some good ♠s, but with four of partner's Major she doesn't bother bidding anything else.

Since she has 11 points she jumps to 3♦, a Limit Raise.

SOUTH is very close to passing. He now gets to add a point for his doubleton ♣ which takes

him up to 15 points. So he has enough to bid 4♦.

**Deal 23**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q  
♥ Q 6 4 3  
♦ 10 9 7 6 3  
♣ Q 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a normal opening bid of 1♠.

NORTH has a Limit Raise in ♠s, 11 points and 4 ♠s.

He responds 3♠

SOUTH figures that 15 points is enough for game with partner showing 11/12.

She bids 4♠.

**Deal 24**

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



6  
12 8  
14

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

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

3 ♥ by South

NORTH has 6 points and wouldn't dream of opening.

SOUTH has 17 points, counting three extra length points, so she opens 1

♥

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NORTH does have enough to raise to 2

♥

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SOUTH makes one more try, inviting with a 3

♥

bid but NORTH just passes.