

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 7 3

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J T 2

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 9 4

♣ J 6 5

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ T 6

♦ Q 7 5 3

♣ T 8 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

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NORTH's 3 bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

SOUTH has just 14 points and the shortness in NORTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one loser anyway. She signs off in 4

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Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 8 7 3 2

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J T 2

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 9 8

♥ T 7 6

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ J T

♠ 7 6 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ K 4

♣ A 6 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♣

Pass

4♦

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by South

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This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time NORTH's shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 2

♦ K T 9

♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q

♥ A K 8

♦ 7 5 4 3

♣ J T 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 2

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 9 8 2

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q J T 7 6

♦ J 8

♣ K Q 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♣

Pass

1♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

2NT

4♥ by North

game, give yourself credit anyway.

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NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for SOUTH's 1

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 .

When SOUTH next says 2NT NORTH can jump to 4

.

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2NT and reached the 4

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5 2
♥ Q T 4
♦ A T 8 5
♣ T 6 3

♠ K Q J

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A J 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 3

♥ K J 9 6 5 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♥	All Pass	

5 ♥ by North

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SOUTH bids 3 to show a strong hand with a singleton .

After NORTH shows her first-round control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 5 2
♥ T 6
♦ K 4 3 2
♣ A T 7

♠ A Q 9

♥ Q J 8 3

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ J 2



♠ K J 7 4 3

♥ 5 4

♦ A T 5

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

just bids 4

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SOUTH bids 4 after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card suit. SOUTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

s.

NORTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the Ace so he

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ T 4 3 2
 ♦ Q T 9 8 6
 ♣ K J 2

♠ Q J 8 4

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A J 4

♣ 6 4



♠ T 3

♥ A Q 6

♦ 3 2

♣ T 9 8 7 5 3

♠ A K 9 7 6 5

♥ J 9

♦ K 7 5

♣ A Q

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

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

SOUTH has more than enough strength to bid game after NORTH's limit raise. If NORTH had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2NT response, SOUTH would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.