

Deal 1

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

NORTH's 3

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rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what SOUTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

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if NORTH has three Aces, bid 6

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if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

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if he has just one. If North has no Aces SOUTH will get a new partner.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q 10

♠ 8 5 3

♥ 10 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ A 9 7 6 3



♠ A Q 10 6 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ K J

♣ J 5

♠ —

♥ 8 6 4 2

♦ A 10 7 6 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

EAST indicates an above normal opening with five \hat{a}^{TM} s by her 3 NT rebid.

WEST also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{Y}$

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Despite both partners showing extra strength EAST merely signs off at 4 \hat{a}^{TM} . Why? Because WEST's

Control bid of 4

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{Y}$

denied first-round control in both \hat{a}^{TM} s and

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{I}$

s. EAST realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ A 10 7 5 3

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♠ A 7 6 3
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 2



♠ 10 4 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K 10 3 2
♣ J 9 6

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

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

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4 \hat{a} TM.

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

9
13 12
6

♠ K 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 4

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3 2

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

EAST's 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$ s and a singleton or void in $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ s.WEST is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about EAST's $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

game.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ 9 8 4 2
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A 10 7 5 2

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♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ K Q

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

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ J 8 3

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

NORTH bids 3 \hat{a}^{TM} to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

SOUTH's failure to make a Control bid in either $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\&s;$,

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

s

or

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So NORTH settles for game.