

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6
♥ T 6
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ T 8 2

♠ K Q J

♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4

♣ J 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

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SOUTH'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.

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

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

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ A T 9 8

♥ T 7 6

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ J T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ A 6 5

♠ K Q J 5 2
♥ 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

6♥ by East

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This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

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

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

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST 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
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	.

4♥ by North

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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

game, give yourself credit anyway.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 3
♥ K J 9 6 5 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q 5

♠ T 5 2

♥ Q T 4

♦ A T 8 5

♣ T 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A J 9 2

♠ A 9 8 7 6 4
♥ -
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ 8 7 4

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

5♥ by East

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WEST bids 3 to show a strong hand with a singleton

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

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5