

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q J 4

♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

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8 11
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♠ 10 8
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A K 9 2

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 8 6 5

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass
1 ♥ by North

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

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

Deal 2

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

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♠ A 10 3	♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A J 10 9	♣ 10 6

♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by South			

now bid 4 \hat{a}^{TM} - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth \hat{a}^{TM} . This is a middle-range hand with five \hat{a}^{TM} s.

So he opens 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

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

\hat{a}^{TM} !

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But she does have three \hat{a}^{TM} s, so she can respond 2 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3 \hat{a}^{TM} .

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ K Q 8 5 3
 ♣ K 10 7 2

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♠ A J 9 6 4 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ Q 5 4

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

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ K J 7 4
 ♦ J 9 4 2
 ♣ J 8

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

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

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

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of SOUTH's weak response NORTH passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

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

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

♠ Q 9 4 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ J 10 9 6 5
 ♣ K Q 3

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

4 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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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

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

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

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