

**Deal 1**

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



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

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the â™ bid, NORTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

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

♠ A K 9 7 3  
 ♥ 6 4  
 ♦ 6 3  
 ♣ K J 10 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♦ which NORTH would pass.

**Deal 3**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ — $\heartsuit$ J 10 7 2 $\diamond$ 8 6 2 $\clubsuit$ K Q 10 9 5 4	
	$\spadesuit$ J 10 5 4 $\heartsuit$ Q 8 $\diamond$ A K J 10 5 4 $\clubsuit$ J
	$\spadesuit$ A K 9 7 3 $\heartsuit$ 6 5 4 $\diamond$ Q 3 $\clubsuit$ 7 6 3

West      North      East      South

Pass      2♦      Pass      1♠  
 Pass      Pass      Pass      2♠  
 2♣ by South

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♦ which NORTH passes.

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



♠ 10 6 4 2  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ 9 5  
 ♣ 10 9 5 3 2

♠ 8  
 ♥ A K 10 8 7  
 ♦ K Q J 4  
 ♣ A K 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has a maximum 1

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opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after WEST's overcall she makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.