

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 3
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ J 4
♣ Q 10 6

17
6 6
11

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 7



♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A 10 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ K Q 8 7 6
♣ 3 2

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

North opens 1 ♠. South has 11 points, enough to respond 2 ♣, (or 2 ♦), in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1 NT.

North is forced to bid again, but unlike the previous hand, here he wants to keep bidding. He bids 2 ♣. South knows North doesn't have ♥s, so she shows her above-minimum hand by bidding 2 NT.

North is happy to play Notrump. He assumes South must have something useful in ♦s and bids 3 NT.

3 NT seems to be a good contract. There are 8 top tricks and possibilities for a ninth winner in either ♠s, ♦s, or, (the best chance), ♣s.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ A 8 7 4
 ♣ 9 7

7
 10 12
 11

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ K 9 5

♥ 10 6

♦ K 10 3 2

♣ J 10 5 4



♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♥

South opens 1 ♥. North responds 1 NT, just as in standard bidding. The difference is that in this case the 1 NT response is forcing on South.

South has an easy second bid, he rebids his 6-card suit. North has nothing to say over 2 ♥ except pass.

Notice that this is the same bidding and same final contract that would have been reached with standard bidding. Using 2/1 is often like that.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K J 5 2
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 5 4

12
8 7
13

♠ K J 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 2



♠ A Q 10 9 5
♥ 10 9 6
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ A

♠ 8 4
♥ Q 3
♦ J 3
♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3

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

South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South cannot rebid her ♠s, but has decent support for partner's ♦s. So she bids 3 ♦.

North always intended to play a ♠ contract. He now bids 4 ♠, using Fast Arrival to indicate he has no slam aspirations.

4 ♠ is cold, and if the defenders don't take their ♥ tricks immediately South will make an overtrick.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2

♥ A K 8 7 4

♦ K 10 7

♣ 10 8

♠ Q 7 3

♥ J 10 6 5 3 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ 4



♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3

♠ J 10 6

♥ 9

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2

13
9 11
7

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

North opens 1 ♥ and East Doubles.

After the intervening Takeout Double 2/1 is OFF. If South had T or more points she would Redouble. So even with only 9 points South can bid 2 ♣ without fear that North will think she has a strong hand.

North also knows everything mentioned above so he passes.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 3

♥ 10 9 8 5 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ 9 4 3

15
4 6
15

♠ Q J 2

♥ J 2

♦ Q J 8 6 2

♣ A K J



♠ A K 9 8 7 6 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ K 7 3

♣ —

♠ 10

♥ A 6 3

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

ALL

4 ♣

4 ♠ by South

South opens 1 ♠. North responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South has a big hand, perhaps in the slam range, but first priority is to set a trump suit. So she contents herself with a rebid of 2 ♠. North agrees on trumps by bidding 3 ♠ (not Fast Arrival).

South now makes her slam try by using a Control-showing cue-bid. She bids 4 ♣, showing first round control of the suit (Ace or Void).

North's next bid would be a control-showing bid of her own - IF SHE HAD ONE. Since she cannot win the first round of either red suit she just returns to 4 ♠. South realizes that they are off two red Aces and passes.

Notice that South did not fall into the Blackwood trap. If she HAD asked for Aces, North would have shown one Ace and South wouldn't know what to do next. She might have figured the odds favored that one Ace being a red one and tried the slam. Moral: Don't use Blackwood when you have a void.