

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ T 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 7 6 3 2

♠ A Q T 6 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ K J

♣ J 5

N
W
E
S

♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A T 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

♠ K J 9 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q T

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

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five
by her 3NT rebid.SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a
Control showing bid of 4Despite both partners showing extra strength North
merely signs off at 4 Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 6 3
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 2

♠ -
♥ 6 5
♦ K J T 7 3 2
♣ J T 9 7 3

N
W
E
S

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 9 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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

So after WEST's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

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

to initiate the investigation herself.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 9 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A 8 6 2
 ♣ T 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J T 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ J T 9 3
 ♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ A K 8 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ K J 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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 NORTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's shortness. In fact,

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

game.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ K Q

♠ 3

♥ A T 2

♦ A T 7 6 5 3

♣ 6 5 4



♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ J 8 3

♠ T 2
 ♥ 9 8 5 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A T 9 7 2

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

4 ♠ by East

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 WEST bids 3¹ to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

EAST's failure to make a Control bid in either s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So WEST settles for game.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7 6 4
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ Q J 5
 ♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q
 ♥ A J T 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6

	N		E
W		S	

♠ 5 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ T 8 6 3 2
 ♣ K Q J 8 5

♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

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NORTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3

♠ T 5
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ A T 7 5 4
♣ 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 2

♠ J 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ T 7 6 4

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

6 ♠ by West

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EAST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

WEST knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain EAST holds the trump Ace.