

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q J
♣ 8 6 4 3

12
7 10
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5



♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

3 ♥

SOUTH has 11 points and she should pass.

NORTH has a minimum 1

♠

opening, 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

♠

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but NORTH can add and he knows the total

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

♠

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Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4

11
6 13
10

West

2 ♠

2 ♠ by East

♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 5 4

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 9 8 3

North

Pass

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a normal 1st opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

WEST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2nd.

EAST passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. WEST can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 7 4 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ J 7 3

11
7 7
15

♠ K 6 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ K 3 2

♣ A 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 7 5 3

♥ K Q

♦ A 8 7 6

♣ 9 4

♠ J 9 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 5

♣ K Q 10 8 5

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

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points SOUTH should open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

SOUTH adds: her 16 plus NORTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 3

8
16 11
5

West

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ 9 3 2

♥ Q J 9

♦ J 7 3

♣ A 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ 10 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal WEST will open 1st .

EAST has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) st support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3rd .

WEST adds the points and ignores the fact that his st suit is Jack high.

He bids 4th .