

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ T 3
♦ Q 9 6 4 2
♣ K T 6 3 2

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7



♠ 8
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ K T 8 7
♣ A J 5 4

♠ K 9 6 5 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 5
♣ Q 9 8

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This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids 3 to show shortage, SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

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

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6 .

6 ♠ by North

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 5 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q T 9 2

	N	
W		E
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♠ J 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ J T 8 6 3 2

♣ J 7 4

♠ A 5

♥ A J T 9 6 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥

Pass 6♥ All Pass

6♥ by North

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SOUTH's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what NORTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

Board 3

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 4

Despite 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 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 9 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 6 5

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ -
♥ 6 5
♦ K J T 7 3 2
♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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

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

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

to initiate the investigation herself.