

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**13**  
6 7  
**14**

West  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 6 5

N  
W E  
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♠ A 9 8 7 6  
♥ 7 6  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ 10 7

♠ 3  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ A J 10 2  
♣ K Q 9 4

North  
1 ♥  
4 ♥

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
3 ♠  
Pass

SOUTH's 3â™ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the â™ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one â™ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

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**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ A J 10 2  
♣ K Q 9 4

8  
14 13  
5

*West*  
3 ♠  
4 ♦  
5 ♥  
Pass  
6 ♥ by East

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2  
♦ 9 8 5  
♣ J 10 7

W	N
S	E

♠ 7 6 4  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ K 4  
♣ A 6 5

♠ Q J 5 2  
♥ 10 6  
♦ Q 7 6 3  
♣ 8 3 2

*North*      *East*      *South*  
Pass      1 ♥      Pass  
4 ♣      4 NT      Pass  
Pass      6 ♥      Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's â™ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4â™£

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

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A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

**Deal 3**

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

♠ A 7 5  
 ♥ Q J 10 7 6  
 ♦ J 8  
 ♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			



NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for SOUTH's 1

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opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2â™£.

When SOUTH next says 2 NT NORTH can jump to 4

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

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game, give yourself credit anyway.

**Deal 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ 9 8 7 6 $\heartsuit$ Q 10 $\diamond$ A 4 3 $\clubsuit$ 10 8 4 3 $\spadesuit$ 3 $\heartsuit$ K J 9 6 5 2 $\diamond$ K Q J $\clubsuit$ K Q 5  $\begin{matrix} 6 \\ 15 \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} 15 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$	$\spadesuit$ K Q J $\heartsuit$ A 8 7 3 $\diamond$ 6 2 $\clubsuit$ A J 9 2 $\spadesuit$ A 10 5 4 2 $\heartsuit$ 4 $\diamond$ 10 9 8 7 5 $\clubsuit$ 7 6
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N  
W E  
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<i>West</i> 1 $\heartsuit$ 3 $\spadesuit$ 4 NT Pass 5 $\heartsuit$ by West	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 NT 4 $\clubsuit$ 5 $\heartsuit$	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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WEST bids 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  to show a strong hand with a singleton  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

After EAST shows her first-round  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  control WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

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**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2	♦ A K 9 7 2
♥ 10 4	♦ 8 7
♦ K 10 3	♣ K Q 8 6 5
♣ A 9 4 3	

12	♠ A Q 9
8 7	♥ Q J 8 3
13	♦ Q J 9 6
	♣ J 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			



♠ K 10 8 7 5
♥ 6 5
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ 10 7

NORTH bids 4 $\clubsuit$  after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card  $\clubsuit$  suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

$\hat{a}^M Y$

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

$\hat{a}^M I$

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the  $\hat{a}^M A$ , so he

just bids 4

$\hat{a}^M Y$

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**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 4  
 ♥ K 8 7 5  
 ♦ A J 4  
 ♣ 6 4

11 7  
 17  
 5

West

3 ♠  
 Pass  
 4 ♠ by East

♠ —  
 ♥ Q 10 6 3 2  
 ♦ Q 8 6 3  
 ♣ K 9 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 3 2  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ 10 9 2  
 ♣ J 10 8 7 3

North      East      South

1 ♠      Pass      Pass

WEST should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2 NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

EAST has more than enough strength to bid game after WEST's limit raise. If WEST had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2 NT response, EAST would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.