

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10  
♥ 10 9 8 4  
♦ 10 9 7 2  
♣ A J 6 4

14  
5 8  
13

	N		E	
W				S

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♠ by North

This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  to show shortage, SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

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

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NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

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

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids  $6\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
4 5  
14

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3

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rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

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

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if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

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if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

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

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ A 9 7 6 3

<sup>17</sup>  
4 4  
<sub>15</sub>

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 10 6 4  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ K J  
♣ J 5

♠ —  
♥ 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2  
♣ 8 4 2

♠ K J 9 7 2  
♥ A 9 5  
♦ Q 5  
♣ K Q 10

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

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s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five â™'s by her 3 NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

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Despite both partners showing extra strength North merely signs off at 4â™'. Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

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denied first-round control in both â™£s and

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9  
 ♥ 6 5 3 2  
 ♦ J 7 6  
 ♣ A 10 7 5 3

<sup>15</sup>  
 5 8  
<sub>12</sub>

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



♠ 10 4 2  
 ♥ 10 9  
 ♦ A K 10 3 2  
 ♣ J 9 6

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

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

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4<sup>â™</sup>.

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

to initiate the investigation herself.