

Deal 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

13
 7 8
12

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

North opens 1 ♠, his 5-card Major. South, with 14 points, responds 2 ♣, a 2/1 force to game.

North next bids 2 ♥, showing the other Major suit.

South assumes North to be 5-4 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She cannot bid 2 NT without a stopper in ♦s. So South bids the fourth suit, 3 ♦, telling North she knows she must make a bid, but can't find anything appropriate.

North now must find a bid. His choices include rebidding the 5-card ♠s, supporting South's ♣s with a doubleton Queen, or bidding 3 NT with the ♦ K 6 as a stopper. He chooses this last option. It appears that 3 NT is the best game for these two hands.

Deal 2
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

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

of a finesse. But the best way to play the hand would be to try to establish a ♠ in the North hand, and if that fails try the ♣ finesse.

North opens 1 ♠, her 5-card Major and South responds 2 ♥. North knows this is a 5-card suit, and bids 3 ♥, confirming the 8+card trump fit.

Once the trump fit is known, South revalues his hand to about 19 points. He makes a slam try with a control-showing bid of 3 ♠. He knows North won't take this as ♠ support since the partnership has agreed that ♥'s are going to be trumps.

North now shows her control by bidding 4 ♣.

That was what South needed to hear; when Blackwood uncovers two Aces he bids 6 ♥.

The slam is a good one. If either the ♠ Q or ♣ K is right there are 12 tricks by way

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 3 \\ & 14 \end{matrix}$$

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7



$$\begin{matrix} & N \\ W & E \\ & S \end{matrix}$$

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

North opens 1 ♥ and South responds 2 ♣. Using standard bidding North would now jump to 3 NT to show his 19 points, but in 2/1 this is not necessary since the partnership must not stop bidding until game is reached. So North just bids 2 NT. South shows her minimum by bidding 3 NT.

North will now disclose his extra strength. He bids 4 NT. This is not Blackwood, but rather a quantitative raise in Notrump, and an invitation to slam.

South has 15 points, and they are good ones. She accepts the invitation and bids 6 NT.

There are 11 top tricks. A 3-3 ♥ split would provide the 12th winner, but this is against the odds. Better to try two ♠ finesses, a 75% chance.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ 10 8 7 6 4
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K Q 10

12
5 8
15

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 3
♦ A K J 9 4
♣ 9 6 4

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W		E
	S	

♠ K 10
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A J 8 7 5 2
♥ A K
♦ Q 6
♣ J 8 7

West North East South

Pass 2 ♦
Pass 4 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

South opens 1 ♠ and North responds 2 ♦. South has a pretty good hand, 17 points, but no stopping power in the minor suits. Also, South's ♠ suit is pretty ragged. Taking these points into consideration, South should just rebid his 6-card suit.

North should now jump to 4 ♠. This is Fast Arrival, indicating a minimum hand with no particular interest in slam.

South is happy to rest in the game contract.

Even with a combined 30 points, T tricks are certainly not a sure thing. South must hope that East holds the trump King.