

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K
♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 5 2

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8 10
6

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

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♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4

West North East South
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by South

Here NORTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

NORTH assumes that SOUTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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Deal 2

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



West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a 7-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ instead.

NORTH should respond $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$, and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

Deal 3	♠ K Q	SOUTH is too weak to open 1		
South Deals	♥ Q J	â™¥		
None Vul	♦ A K Q 6 5			
	♣ K J 4 2			
♠ A J 9 8 3	♠ 10 5 2	but just right for 2		
♥ 10 5	♥ 8 6 2			
♦ J 9 8 3	♦ 10 4			
♣ 10 8	♣ A 9 7 6 3			
	♠ 7 6 4	.		
	♥ A K 9 7 4 3			
	♦ 7 2	Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good		
	♣ Q 5			
West	North	East	South	â™¥
			2 ♥	
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass	s. Could this be time for a slam try?
Pass				Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has
4 ♥ by South				six
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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

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Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 3

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7 11
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West

Pass
2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

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W
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♠ K 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ A 10

♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

North East South

Pass Pass Pass

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are delusional.