

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A T

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 2

♥ 8 4

♦ Q T 7

♣ K Q J 5 3 2

♠ A J T 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7

West

North

East

South

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

SOUTH assumes that NORTH 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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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

♠ T 8 3

♥ A 9 3

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ T 8 5



♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5

♥ Q T 2

♦ 7

♣ 6 3

♠ 2

♥ 8 7 6 4

♦ K Q J T 8

♣ A 9 4

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by West

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EAST has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

WEST should respond 2 and EAST can do nothing but rebid the suit.

WEST thinks there should be game and bids 4

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5

♥ T 8 5

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

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SOUTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

4♥ by North

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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Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

♠ K 9 2
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ J T 7 6
♣ 9 6



♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

♠ T 7 6 4
♥ T 3
♦ A 3 2
♣ A Q T 3

West
2♥

North
All Pass

East

South

2♥ by West

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EAST really hates that 2

opening by WEST.

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

teeth and passes.

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