

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit J 10 7 6 \heartsuit 4 \diamond J 4 2 \clubsuit A 8 5 4 2	\spadesuit A 8 4 2 \heartsuit Q J 8 6 \diamond A 9 8 6 3 \clubsuit —	\spadesuit Q 9 3 \heartsuit 9 2 \diamond Q 10 5 \clubsuit K Q 10 7 3
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>North</i> 4 \clubsuit 5 NT Pass	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 1 \heartsuit 4 NT 7 \heartsuit
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7 \heartsuit by South

NORTH's jump to 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ is a Splinter bid,
 at least 4-card

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

support,

at least opening hand, and a $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$
 Singleton or Void.

SOUTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

NORTH's 5 NT reply shows two Aces and
 a Void somewhere, obviously $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ s.

SOUTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

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

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Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

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

8
 5 9
 18

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



♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ Q 7 5
 ♣ A 4

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

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

SOUTH figures that if NORTH holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

NORTH only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

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s.

SOUTH manages to figure out that NORTH has a â™ void and bids the slam anyway.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

♠ J 10

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ 10 5



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

SOUTH may have a good hand but NORTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if NORTH has a maximum there won't be a slam.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

10
7 7
16

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

West North East South

Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♣
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 6 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and NORTH shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless \hat{a}^{TM} A. Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

\hat{a}^{TM} !

A,

he bids 6

\hat{a}^{TM} Y

, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!