

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

too strong for a Weak-twoopening. So SOUTH just bids 4

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NORTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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WEST really hates that 2

opening by EAST.

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.

West	North	East	South
		2♥	All Pass

2♥ by East

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 9 3
♦ Q T 8 6 2
♣ A Q 8 7 2

♠ K 8 4
♥ A Q T 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 9 6 5



♠ A Q J T 6 5
♥ 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ K J 3

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH expects to be better off in than NORTH would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, NORTH should make the 3 bid with a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the game.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 9 2

♦ T 8 7

♣ K J 7 5



♠ Q T 8 3
♥ T
♦ A 9
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

West

3♥

5♦

North

Pass

Pass

East

4NT

6♥

South

Pass

All Pass

6♥ by East

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WEST has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

EAST, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When WEST shows one Ace EAST can bid 6

with confidence.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
 ♥ A 8 4 3
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 4

♠ A Q T

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 3

♣ A J T

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♠ K 7 5
 ♥ T 9 5 2
 ♦ K 8 6 4
 ♣ 6 3

♠ J 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
			3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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 SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

♠ K 9 8 5 2

♥ 4

♦ J 6 3

♣ A T 8 7



♠ J 4
♥ K J T 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

♠ T 7
♥ A 7 5
♦ T 9 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 12 When EAST opens with a Weak 2

bid, WEST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if EAST has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

EAST returns to

s to show bare minimum so WEST settles for game.