

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 3 2

13
6 7
14

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5



♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

SOUTH's 3[♠] bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the [♠] shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one [♠] loser anyway. She signs off in 4

[♠]

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Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

8
14 13
5

West

3 ♠

4 ♦

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 8 5

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q J 5 2

♥ 10 6

♦ Q 7 6 3

♣ 8 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's ♠ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4♠

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

♠

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ 9 7

13
5 9
13

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J 10 6 5



♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 10 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

North

2 ♣
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
2 NT
Pass

NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for SOUTH's 1

♠™¥

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2♠™£.

When SOUTH next says 2 NT NORTH can jump to 4

♠™¥

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

♠™¥

game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
5 ♥ by West			

WEST bids 3[♠] to show a strong hand with a singleton [♠].

After EAST shows her first-round [♠] control WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

[♠]

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Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 10 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ A 9 4 3

12
8 7
13

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 8 6 5

W N
S E

♠ A Q 9

♥ Q J 8 3

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ J 2

North

1♥

4♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4♥

NORTH bids 4TM£ after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card TM£ suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

TM¥

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

TM!

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the TM A, so he

just bids 4

TM¥

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Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

7
11 17
5

West

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ —

♥ Q 10 6 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 3

♣ K 9 5 2



♠ 10 3 2

♥ A 4

♦ 10 9 2

♣ J 10 8 7 3

North

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 9 7 6 5

♥ J 9

♦ K 7 5

♣ A Q

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

WEST should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2 NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

EAST has more than enough strength to bid game after WEST's limit raise. If WEST had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2 NT response, EAST would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.