

**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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

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NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

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
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2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3

	N	♠ 3
	W	♥ 9 3
	E	♦ Q T 8 6 2

♣ A Q 8 7 2

♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

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

4 ♠ by North

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

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

**Board 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2  
♥ 9 2  
♦ T 8 7  
♣ K J 7 5

♠ A K 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ A

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 8 3

♥ T

♦ A 9

♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
			3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦

Pass  
6♥

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SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

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

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

with confidence.

6♥ by North

**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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 7  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ T 9 4 2  
♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ A Q 6 3

♥ Q 8 2

♦ A K Q

♣ K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

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bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

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

SOUTH returns to

s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.