

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 5
♥ 10 3
♦ J 9 5
♣ J 9 7

7
9 5
19

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 10 8 6
♥ A 9 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 7
♦ A K 6
♣ A Q 10 5 4

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

4 ♥

NORTH would have responded 1

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if WEST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

SOUTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if WEST had remained silent, NORTH would have responded 1

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and SOUTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J

♥ A Q J 6 5 2

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ 6 3

9
9 8
14

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 5

♣ A 7 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

NORTH has four \hat{a}^{TM} s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, but he does have

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

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four \hat{a}^{TM} £s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ A 6 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ 8 7 5

14
6 11
9

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

♠ 10

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ A 6 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five \hat{a}^{TM} s, this time so she bids $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, so he bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

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

11
 8 6
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K 10 9 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♠

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that
 NORTH has promised as a minimum and
 goes straight

to 4

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If NORTH had significantly more than 11
 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.