

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q J 4

♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3



♠ 10 8
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A K 9 2

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 8 6 5

West *North* *East* *South*
Pass 1 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass
1 ♥ by North

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 2
 ♥ K 5 4 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 3 2

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 6 16
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♠ A 10 3
 ♥ Q 8 6 2
 ♦ A J 10 9
 ♣ 10 6

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♠ Q J 9 6 4
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K Q J

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 J 10 7
 Q 5 3 2
 A 7 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3♠ by East			

EAST has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth \hat{a}^{TM} . This is a middle-range hand with five \hat{a}^{TM} s.

So he opens $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

WEST only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

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

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But she does have three \hat{a}^{TM} s, so she can respond $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Since EAST is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

If WEST had 9 or 10 points she would

now bid $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ - but with 7 she passes.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 7
♣ A 9 6 3

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9 12
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8

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

With 8 points, NORTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

SOUTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1♦.

Although NORTH passed originally, she must respond to SOUTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

West Deals	♠ 10 8 7 3
None Vul	♥ A 9
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A J 10 4

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

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9	♠ Q 9 4 2
15 8	♥ 3
8	♦ J 10 9 6 5
	♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

WEST has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton),
EAST raises to 2

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WEST's hand is worth one more try. He

invites with 3

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EAST had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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