

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ J T 8 6 3 2

♣ J 7 4

♠ A 5

♥ A J T 9 6 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ 6 3



♠ T 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 5 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q T 9 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

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NORTH's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what SOUTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

if NORTH has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

if he has just one. If North has no Aces SOUTH will get a new partner.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

♠ 5

♥ T 3

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ A 8 7 6 3 2



♠ A Q T 6 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ K J

♣ J 5

♠ 8 3

♥ 8 6 4 2

♦ A T 7 6 3

♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass

4 ♠ by East

s. EAST realized she was off two Aces.

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EAST indicates an above normal opening with five s by her 3NT rebid.

WEST also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

Despite both partners showing extra strength East merely signs off at 4 Why? Because WEST's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

Board 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 9 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 6 5

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2

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♠ -
♥ 6 5
♦ K J T 7 3 2
♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5

♠ K J T 9 2

♥ 3

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ T 7 3



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J T 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

♠ 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ J T 9 3

♣ A Q 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

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EAST's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

WEST is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about EAST's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

game.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 2
♥ 9 8 5 4 3
♦ 4
♣ A T 9 7 2

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

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	S	

♠ 3

♥ A T 2

♦ A T 7 6 5 3

♣ 6 5 4

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH bids 3rd to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

SOUTH's failure to make a Control bid in either s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So NORTH settles for game.