

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
7 10  
11

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



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

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

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

SOUTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when NORTH opens 1<sup>st</sup> SOUTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

NORTH has just 13 points, and knowing SOUTH has less than 13 he passes.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

9  
 9 14  
 8

West

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ K 6 4

♥ 9

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

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 W E  
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♠ A Q J 9 5

♥ J 10

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 8 4 3

North

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

After EAST opens with 1

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, WEST has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong  
 enough to make a jump raise to 3

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But, with five trumps the hand deserves  
 more. So she just bids 4

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instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that  
 your partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

19  
9 5  
7

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K 10 6 2



♠ K 10 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

North

1♦

4♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♠

Pass

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

1<sup>TM</sup>

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SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH now knows that 1<sup>TM</sup>s will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
16 9  
8

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

♠ A 5 2  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ Q 10 8 5



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

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

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

WEST has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1<sup>st</sup> rather than 1 NT.

EAST isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WEST has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3<sup>rd</sup>.

EAST has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4<sup>th</sup>.