

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 5 4

♥ Q

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3

7
11 9
13

♠ J 10 6

♥ 9

♦ 8 5 3

♣ K Q J 9 5 2



♠ K 9 2

♥ A K 8 7 4

♦ K 10 7

♣ 10 8

♠ Q 7 3

♥ J 10 6 5 3 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by North

South opens 1 ♥ and West Doubles.

After the intervening Takeout Double 2/1 is OFF. If North had T or more points she would Redouble. So even with only 9 points North can bid 2 ♣ without fear that South will think she has a strong hand.

South also knows everything mentioned above so he passes.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 8 6 2
♣ A K J

6
15 15
4

West

2 ♦
3 ♠
4 ♠
4 ♠ by East

♠ 10

♥ A 6 3

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2



♠ 5 3

♥ 10 9 8 5 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ 9 4 3

North

Pass
Pass
ALL

East

1 ♠
2 ♠
4 ♣
Pass

South

Pass
Pass
Pass

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East has a big hand, perhaps in the slam range, but first priority is to set a trump suit. So she contents herself with a rebid of 2 ♠. West agrees on trumps by bidding 3 ♠ (not Fast Arrival).

East now makes her slam try by using a Control-showing cue-bid. She bids 4 ♣, showing first round control of the suit (Ace or Void).

West's next bid would be a control-showing bid of her own - IF SHE HAD ONE. Since she cannot win the first round of either red suit she just returns to 4 ♠. East realizes that they are off two red Aces and passes.

Notice that East did not fall into the Blackwood trap. If she HAD asked for Aces, West would have shown one Ace and East wouldn't know what to do next. She might have figured the odds favored that one Ace being a red one and tried the slam. Moral: Don't use Blackwood when you have a void.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 9 6
♣ A 4 3

14
7 5
14

♠ A J 10 8 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 5



♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ K J 9

♠ K 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

North opens 1 ♠. South responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

North's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that South might also have 4 ♥s.

South doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2 NT. North happily says 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 8 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ K 5

6
14 13
7

♠ K 6

♥ 9 5

♦ 10 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 6 2



♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A 4 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

game contract.

West opens 1 ♠. East responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

West's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that East might also have 4 ♥s.

East doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3 ♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

West understands that East's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since West does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3 NT. In this case this turns out to be the best

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ K J 9 6
 ♣ K J 9 6 2

12
 10 8
 10

♠ A K 9 7 4
 ♥ K Q 6 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 10 7



♠ 10 8 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

♠ J 6 3
 ♥ J 10 8 7 4
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A 4 3

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

South passes and North opens 1 ♠.

South now bids 2 ♦. Since South originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

North next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. South gives a preference to 2 ♠.

Knowing that South does not have opening strength North passes 2 ♠.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

7
9 13
11

West

1 NT

2 ♠

2 ♠ by East

♠ J 9 5 3
♥ K J 10 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 4



♠ A 8
♥ Q 5
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 10 9 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 8 5

East

1 ♠

2 ♣

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

East opens 1 ♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠ West must respond 1 NT.

In standard bidding East would happily pass a 1 NT response. But in 2/1 the 1 NT response is forcing for 1 round. East is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2 ♣.

West prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that East has bid a 3-card suit. So West gives a preference to 2 ♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

East happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1 NT.