

Board 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 9 2
 ♥ T 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 4
 ♥ K Q 9 2
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K T 8



♠ T 7 6 5
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ T 7
 ♣ A 6 4 2

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K J 9 6 4
 ♣ Q J 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	1NT

6NT by North

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 With balanced distribution and 16 points SOUTH
 should open 1NT rather than 1

NORTH's response is based on simple math. He adds
 his 18 points to the 15 minimum that SOUTH has
 announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough
 for a small slam, and since he has balanced
 distribution

he bids 6NT.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 2
 ♥ K J 5 4 3 2
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ T 3

♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7



♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K J T 9

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ K 4

♥ Q T 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

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

3 NT by North

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NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid

- one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

SOUTH does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

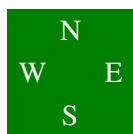
She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ 9 8 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6 4
 ♣ A K 4

♠ A K 9 6 4
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ K Q J 7
 ♣ 3



♠ 5
 ♥ T 7 6
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ Q J T 8 7 5

♠ Q J T 8 3
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ A T
 ♣ 9 6 2

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

6 ♠ by North

NORTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

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SOUTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

NORTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is whether SOUTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

SOUTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,

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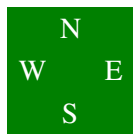
would show one Ace, etc).

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ T 4
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ K J T 2

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 3



♠ K Q T 8 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ J 9
♣ Q 8 4

♠ 6 2
♥ A K 8 7 6 2
♦ A T 3
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All Pass		

4 ♥ by West

since two trumps is now adequate support.

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SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

, which

NORTH raises to 4

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 5 2

♥ J 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ T 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 3

♥ A Q 7 4

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6



♠ 6

♥ K T 9 6 5

♦ K T 9 8

♣ J 8 4

♠ K Q 7 4

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A K Q 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠

2 ♠ by North

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SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card ♣ suit.

NORTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

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SOUTH now shows his 4-card ♥ suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2 ♠ which SOUTH happily passes.