

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ A K 3

6
10 8
16

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 9 7

♠ K
♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 5 2

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

Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

♠TMY

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Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

7
 13 9
 11

West

2 ♣

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 3 2

♥ 9 8 7 4

♦ A K 8 3

♣ 10 8 4



♠ 10 8

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q J 10 6 5

♣ A 9 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♠ instead.

WEST should respond 2♣, and EAST can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

WEST thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ J 9 8 3
 ♣ 10 8

21
 6 4
 9

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

W N
 E S

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

2♥

Pass

SOUTH is too weak to open 1

♠™

but just right for 2

♠™

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

♠™

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

♠™

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

♠™

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Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 5

7
 7 15
 11

West

2♥

2♥ by West

♠ 9 4

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ J 6 2

♣ Q 9 6 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 10 7 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 7 3

♣ A 10

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

Pass

EAST really hates that 2

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opening by WEST.

But there's no sense bidding and
 probably making matters worse, so she
 grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are
 delusional.