

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 4
 ♦ A K 8 3
 ♣ 10 8 4

9
 7 11
 13

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6 3



♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

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

So he opens 1♠ instead.

SOUTH should respond 2♣, and NORTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

SOUTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

Deal 2

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

	N	
W		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

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but just right for 2

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

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s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

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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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ A 10 7 3

♣ A 10

7
11 7
15

West

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2

North

2 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

SOUTH really hates that 2

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opening by NORTH.

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

teeth and passes.

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

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ Q 7 6 3 2
♣ A 4

9
9 7
15

♠ K 8 4
♥ A Q 10 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 9 6 5



♠ A Q J 10 6 5
♥ 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ K J 3

♠ 9
♥ J 5 3
♦ K J 10 8
♣ Q 10 8 7 2

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

SOUTH expects to be better off in 4♠ than NORTH would be in 2

4♠

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, NORTH should make the 3♠ bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the 4♠ game.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3	♠ 6	♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ 9	♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4	♥ 10 2
♦ 8 7	♦ 6 3 2	♦ A 10 9
♣ Q J 10 7 6 3	♣ 8 4	♣ K 9 5 2
	♠ A K 7 5	
	♥ K 6 3	
	♦ K Q J 5 4	
	♣ A	

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6♥ by North			

NORTH has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

SOUTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH can bid 6

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with confidence.