

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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

♠ A K J 7
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ K Q 5 4

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

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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first, (up-the-line).

But WEST's overcall gave NORTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like NORTH could bid 1

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SOUTH has â™'s so she bids 1â™, showing a minimum opener.

NORTH has 13 points and the â™ fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ A K 6 2
None Vul	♥ A 10 9 3
	♦ 9 7
	♣ Q 8 2
♠ J 8	♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ Q 6	♥ K 5 4 2
♦ Q J 4 3 2	♦ 10 8 5
♣ A 9 6 3	♣ 7 5

♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ K J 10 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			



NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

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s and â™ s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

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SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

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stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

13	5 9	13
5	9	13

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			



SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1â™ .

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2â™ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ K 9
None Vul	♥ 8 6 2
	♦ A K 6 3
	♣ K Q 7 5
♠ Q 8 4	♠ J 7 6
♥ K Q 9 5 4 3	♥ 7
♦ Q J	♦ 10 5 4 2
♣ J 9	♣ 10 6 4 3 2



15	♠ A 10 5 3 2
11 1	♥ A J 10
13	♦ 9 8 7
	♣ A 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

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in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals	♠ 10 8 6
None Vul	♥ A 9 6 4 2
	♦ 8 4
	♣ K 6 2

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



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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

NORTH would have responded 1

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if WEST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

SOUTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if WEST had remained silent, NORTH would have responded 1

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and SOUTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit J \heartsuit A Q J 6 5 2 \diamond J 8 4 3 \clubsuit 6 3	\spadesuit A K 6 2 \heartsuit 9 3 \diamond 9 7 2 \clubsuit Q 9 8 2
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\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit 8 \diamond 14	\spadesuit 10 9 7 \heartsuit K 8 7 \diamond A K 6
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\spadesuit Q 8 5 4 3 \heartsuit 10 4 \diamond Q 10 5 \clubsuit A 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 \heartsuit	Dbl	Pass	1 \clubsuit
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 \clubsuit by South			

NORTH has four \hat{a}^{TM} s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, but he does have

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}L$ s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.