

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

9
 4 6
 21

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5



♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH is too weak to open 1

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but just right for 2

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Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

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s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has
 six

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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

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

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Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

11
15 7
7

West

Pass
2 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ A 10



♠ 9 4
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 3

North

Pass

East

2 ♥

South

Pass

WEST really hates that 2

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opening by EAST.

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 3

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ Q J 9 3
	♥ 9
	♦ 8 7
	♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

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

WEST has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

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

When WEST shows one Ace EAST can bid 6

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with confidence.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6 5

♣ 3

20

7 7

6

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A J 10



♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

Pass

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3TM£ opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3 NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3 NT is a good contract,

but 5TM£ would go down 1.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

7
23 5
5

West

2 NT

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 8 2

♥ 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A 10 8 7 5



♠ 9 7 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ 9 6 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

When EAST opens with a Weak 2

♠TM¥

bid, WEST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if EAST has anything extra. She bids 2 NT to get more information.

EAST returns to

♠TM¥

s to show bare minimum so WEST settles for game.