

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

13
8 6
13



♠ 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 ♠s so she bids 1♣, showing a minimum opener.

NORTH has 13 points and the ♠ 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

13	♠ Q 9 7
10 3	♥ J 8 7
14	♦ 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

♥

s and ♠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

♥

♣.

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

♦

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



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

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ A 6 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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, 1♠.

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

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ K 9 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ A K 6 3 ♣ K Q 7 5		
None Vul			
♠ Q 8 4 ♥ K Q 9 5 4 3 ♦ Q J ♣ J 9	♠ J 7 6 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 5 4 2 ♣ 10 6 4 3 2		
15 11 1 13	♠ A 10 5 3 2 ♥ A J 10 ♦ 9 8 7 ♣ A 8		
West	North	East	South
2 ♥ Pass Pass 3 NT by South	Dbl 3 NT	Pass Pass	1 ♠ 2 NT Pass

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2



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



s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ J 9 7	♠ 10 8 6 ♥ A 9 6 4 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 6 2
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♠ 9 ♥ K Q J 7 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A Q 10 5 4	♠ K 4 3 2 ♥ 8 5 ♦ Q 10 7 3 2 ♣ 8 3
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<i>West</i> 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ by South	<i>North</i> Dbl Pass	<i>East</i> Pass	<i>South</i> 1 ♣ 4 ♥
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NORTH would have responded 1



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



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	♠ A K 6 2
None Vul	♥ 9 3
	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 8 2

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



9	♠ 10 9 7
9 8	♥ K 8 7
14	♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

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

NORTH has four ♠s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠s, but he does have

♥

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♣s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Deal 7

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

14	♠ A K 6 3 2
6 11	♥ 9 3
9	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 2



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

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠s, this time so she bids 1♠.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8

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



11	♠ A 5 2
8 6	♥ A Q 10 9 3
15	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

happily pass.

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 ♠.

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

♥

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If NORTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

Deal 9

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



West	North	East	South
1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
Pass			Pass
3 ♥ by South			

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

♥

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the ♠ bid, NORTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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Deal 10East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
 ♥ Q 8 5 2
 ♦ J 10 5 4
 ♣ 9 6

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4 12
¹¹

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♣ by South			

♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ A K 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 8 2

W	N	E	S
♦ 4	♦ J 10 7	♦ A K Q 8 2	♦ Q 7 5 3

♠ A K 9 7 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K J 10 4

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♣ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♣ which NORTH would pass.

Deal 11
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ Q 8 6 2	♥ A K 9 3	♦ 9 7	♣ A 8 2
♥ J 10 7 2			♦ Q 8	
♦ 8 6 2			♦ A K J 10 5 4	
♣ K Q 10 9 5 4			♣ J	
	♠ A K 9 7 3			
13	♥ 6 5 4			
6 12	♦ Q 3			
9	♣ 7 6 3			
West	North	East	South	
		1 ♦	1 ♠	
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
2 ♠ by South				

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♦ which NORTH passes.

Deal 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 9 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 7 6 3
♣ J 7 4

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♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ Q 8

♠ 10 6 4 2
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 10 9 5 3 2

♠ 8
♥ A K 10 8 7
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A K 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has a maximum 1



opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in



s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 13
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 9 8 5 4
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ K 10 3
 ♣ Q 7 5

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 9 8
 14

<i>West</i> 1♠ Pass 1 NT by South	<i>North</i> Dbl Pass	<i>East</i> Pass	<i>South</i> 1♦ 1 NT
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W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2
 ♥ A Q J 3
 ♦ J 8 4
 ♣ J 9 8 2

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

♠ 10 3
 ♥ K 9 6 5 2
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ K 6 3

NORTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over WEST's 1♠ overcall.

But SOUTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

NORTH should pass.

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 8 6

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 3 2

♣ A Q J 6 5 3

W	N
S	E

♠ J 10 8

♥ A K Q 10 5 2

♦ J 5 4

♣ 7

♠ A K 6 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 10 9 7

♣ 9 8 2

13

9 11

7

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass
2 ♠ by South

With five ♠s SOUTH bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

NORTH knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

SOUTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

Deal 15
 South Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ A 5 ♣ K Q J 10 9 8</p>		<p>♠ K 9 6 2 ♥ A Q 5 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A 6 2</p>
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<p>13 13 1 13</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ K Q 7 6 ♣ 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Dbl	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

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, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

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Deal 16South Deals
None Vul♠ 6
♥ A Q 10 5 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ A Q 9 2
 ♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 8 6 5 3

 ♠ Q J 7 5
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ K J 10

West North East South

1 ♥	Dbl	2 ♥	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

SOUTH also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

NORTH is happy to pass.

Deal 17

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

♠ 10 2
 ♥ K Q J 7 6
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ 9 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit Raise strength and

♥

support.

SOUTH has a minimum opening bid and can only return to 3

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NORTH actually has better than the 12 points he promised, so he now bids 4

♥

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Deal 18

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



♠ 9 7
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ K J 10 4

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

NORTH has 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to WEST's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

SOUTH has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and NORTH passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4

♣ Q J 6 5 2

♠ —

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ Q J 8 7 6 3

♣ A K 10

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♠ 8 6 4

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 10 9 5

♣ 9 7 4 3

♠ A Q J 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 7

♦ K 2

♣ 8

West North East South

1 ♠

2 ♦ 3 ♦ Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♦ Pass 6 ♠

Pass Pass Pass

6 ♠ by South

NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

	♠ 8		
South Deals	♥ AJ 9 3		
None Vul	♦ K Q 5 2		
	♣ Q J 8 2		
♠ A K J 7 6 2		♠ Q 10 4	
♥ 10 4 2		♥ 6 5	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ A 9 7 6	
♣ 10		♣ 9 7 6 3	
	♠ 9 5 3		
	♥ K Q 8 7		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ A K 5 4		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH can't bid 3



because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH has four



s and he now bids them.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 4



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Deal 21

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

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



11	♠ Q J 8 3
9 7	♥ 8 7
13	♦ A 7 6
	♣ K Q J 4

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

NORTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

SOUTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points NORTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but SOUTH declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 22

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



12	♠ A 5
5 11	♥ K Q J 8 2
12	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ Q 8 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 13 points and a 5-card

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suit so she should not use a Negative Double. Instead she just bids 2

♥

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Knowing SOUTH has five

♥

s NORTH can support with just three.

SOUTH bids the

♥

game.

Deal 23

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

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

♠ K 9
 ♥ A Q J 9 6
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
13 2	11	10 5 4	10 8 7 4 3
14	A Q J 9 6	K 9	Q 9 8 7
Pass	Pass	Pass	10 5
4 ♥ by South	2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass

NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after WEST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

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, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

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

18	♠ A Q J 3
4 10	♥ J 4
8	♦ 9 6 4 2
	♣ 10 9 6

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

3 NT by South



SOUTH has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s so she responds 1 NT.

NORTH has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3 NT.