

**Deal 1**

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

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



♠ 6 2
♥ A Q J 3
♦ J 8 4
♣ J 9 8 2

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

SOUTH should pass.

SOUTH has 9 points a a

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suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1â™ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

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s, she has â™ s and

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s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her â™ stopper and a minimum opener.

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**11**  
**13** 7  
 9

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

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

2♣ by East

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

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

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

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

EAST doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♦.

**Deal 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ Q 8 $\heartsuit$ J 6 4 $\diamond$ A 5 $\clubsuit$ K Q J 10 9 8	$\spadesuit$ K 9 6 2 $\heartsuit$ A Q 5 3 $\diamond$ 8 4 $\clubsuit$ A 6 2	$\spadesuit$ 10 5 4 3 $\heartsuit$ 10 2 $\diamond$ J 10 9 3 2 $\clubsuit$ 7 3	
	$\spadesuit$ A J 7 $\heartsuit$ K 9 8 7 $\diamond$ K Q 7 6 $\clubsuit$ 5 4		
<i>West</i> $2\clubsuit$ Pass Pass 4 $\heartsuit$ by South	<i>North</i> Dbl $4\heartsuit$	<i>East</i> Pass Pass	<i>South</i> $1\diamond$ $2\heartsuit$ Pass

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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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

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

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

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**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**12**  
**13** 8  
7

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♠ 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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

2 ♠ by West

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

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overcall

to show exactly four â™ s.

WEST also has four â™ s so he bids 2â™ at his turn to show a minimum.

EAST is happy to pass.