

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

17
8 11
4

West

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 8 6 5

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ 10 8
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A K 9 2

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

♥

suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

♥

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SOUTH has three

♥

s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 2
 ♥ K 5 4 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 3 2

11
 6 16
 7

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠ by East

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



♠ 7 5
 ♥ J 10 7
 ♦ Q 5 3 2
 ♣ A 7 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth ♠. This is a middle-range hand with five ♠s.

So he opens 1♠.

WEST only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

♦

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But she does have three ♠s, so she can respond 2♠.

Since EAST is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3♠.

If WEST had 9 or 10 points she would

now bid 4♠ - but with 7 she passes.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 7
♣ A 9 6 3

8
9 12
11

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8



♠ A J 9 6 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A 6
♣ Q 5 4

North

Pass

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

With 8 points, NORTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

SOUTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1♠.

Although NORTH passed originally, she must respond to SOUTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♠.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K

♥ Q J 8 6 4 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 5

9
15 8
8

West

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ A 9

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 10 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 3

♦ J 10 9 6 5

♣ K Q 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

♠ J 6 5

♥ K 10 7 5

♦ A 8

♣ 9 8 6 2

WEST has 17 points and six

♥

s.

This is a mid-range 1

♥

opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton),
EAST raises to 2

♥

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WEST's hand is worth one more try. He

invites with 3

♥

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EAST had a strong 2

♥

raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

♥

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 5 3

♥ J 10

♦ 10 7 2

♣ 7 4 3

16

9 8

7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2

♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 4

♥ Q 7 6 3

♦ A J 4

♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH opens 1

♥

with 17 points and five

♥

s.

SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

♥

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 2

10
4 17
9

West

Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by East

♠ Q 9 5

♥ A Q 10

♦ J 2

♣ J 10 7 6 4



♠ 10 2

♥ J 6 4

♦ K Q 10 7

♣ K 8 5 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

♠ K J 8 7 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ A 9 5

♣ A Q

WEST has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

EAST, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠.

WEST still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

9
9 6
16

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 ♠.

NORTH has good ♠ support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton ♣.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 ♠

SOUTH cannot bid game yet, after all, NORTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3 ♠ bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4 ♠.

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ 8 5

7
12 11
10

West

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by West

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ A 7
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 9 6 4



♠ A 10 4
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K J 10 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♥

South

Pass

WEST has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

♥

.

EAST has 11 points and good

♥

support so she jumps to 3

♥

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WEST knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.

Deal 9

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q J
♣ 8 6 4 3

12
7 10
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5



♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

3 ♥

SOUTH has 11 points and she should pass.

NORTH has a minimum 1

♥

opening, 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

♥

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but NORTH can add and he knows the total

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

♥

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Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4

11
6 13
10

West

2 ♠

2 ♠ by East

♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 5 4

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 9 8 3

North

Pass

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a normal 1♠ opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

WEST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠.

EAST passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. WEST can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 7 4 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ J 7 3

11
7 7
15

♠ K 6 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ K 3 2

♣ A 6 2



♠ A Q 7 5 3

♥ K Q

♦ A 8 7 6

♣ 9 4

♠ J 9 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 5

♣ K Q 10 8 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points SOUTH should open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

SOUTH adds: her 16 plus NORTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

Deal 12

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 3

8
16 11
5

West

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ 9 3 2

♥ Q J 9

♦ J 7 3

♣ A 8 7 4

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W		E
	S	

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ 10 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal WEST will open 1 ♠.

EAST has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) ♠ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3 ♠.

WEST adds the points and ignores the fact that his ♠ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4 ♠.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

12
9 5
14

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 6 2



♠ A 6 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A K

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a minimum 1



opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

SOUTH also has opening hand strength, 14 points for him. He also has four of NORTH's



s. He applies the "He who knows, goes" principle and

bids 4



IMPORTANT NOTE: Most experienced bridge pairs would not bid the hand quite this way, although they

would arrive at the same contract. See some of the other BakerBridge lessons for more details.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ J 8 4

6

11 19

4

West

3 ♠

Pass

6 ♠ by East

♠ 6 3

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ K Q 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5

♥ 10 4 3 2

♦ 10 2

♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

6 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a powerful hand (21 points) with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1♠.

WEST has an 11-point Limit Raise with four trumps. She jumps to 3♠.

EAST now knows that the partnership holds at least 32 points, perhaps 33. Since he can see that

the opponents have no way to win the first two tricks he decides to bid the slam, 6♠

Deal 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K Q 10 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

8
11 8
13

West

Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ 9
♣ K 8 6 3



♠ A 7 6 5 2
♥ 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 4

North

4 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♠
Pass

SOUTH has 14 points and opens 1♠, her 5-card Major.

NORTH could bid 3♠, a Limit Raise with his 11 points. But it is often a good idea,

when you have five of the Major suit that partner opened with, to just go ahead and bid

the game. So North should bid 4♠ here.

See the NOTE in Deal 13. When you use weaker 5-card support hands for your jump to game, you

need to find another way to describe your opening-hand-strength type hands.

Deal 16

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 3
♦ A 6 2
♣ A 8

5
12 14
9

West

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 8 7 5 4
♣ Q J 3



♠ K J 10 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♥

South

Pass

WEST has 13 points so he must open. He has five

♥

s so he

should open 1

♥

.

EAST, with 14 points and four

♥

s knows there are

enough points for a game contract and at least nine

♥

s between

the partners. She who KNOWS, GOES, so EAST bids 4

♥

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This is similar to Deal 13.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19
 3 6
 12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 9
 ♥ A K J 6 5
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ A 7 6



♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K Q 2

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

♥

.

SOUTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

♥

.

NORTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows SOUTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

♥

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Deal 18

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

11
 7 12
 10

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

♠ 10

♥ 6 5

♦ J 10 3 2

♣ A K Q J 10 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ K

♥ A 8 7 4 2

♦ K 9 7

♣ 8 7 4 3

♠ A J 6 5 3

♥ J 10 9

♦ A Q 5 4

♣ 6

WEST passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

EAST naturally opens 1♠ with her 13 point, 5-card ♠ suit hand.

WEST might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4♠.

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4
♥ A J 8 6 4
♦ J 10
♣ 10 9 8 5

6
9 7
18

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ K 5 2
♦ 8 6
♣ Q 7 6 3



♠ A Q 9 7 5 3
♥ Q 7
♦ A K 3
♣ K 2

♠ 6
♥ 10 9 3
♦ Q 9 7 5 4 2
♣ A J 4

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

SOUTH has 20 points, counting two extra for the fifth and sixth ♠s.

Naturally she opens 1♠.

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. He has four of partner's ♠s

so he responds 2♠.

SOUTH

KNOWS

that $6 + 20 = 26$, so she

GOES

to 4♠.

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ A J 8 7 2
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A 3

8
 19 6
 7

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q 5 3
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 2



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

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has 20 points, but with a 5-card
 Major opens 1



rather than 2 NT.

EAST barely has enough points for a
 response, but she does have four



s.

So she responds 2



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WEST adds EAST's 6 to his 20 and bids the game, 4



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Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 9 7 4
♥ A J
♦ 9 7 5
♣ J 9 6

17
9 12
2

West

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ A
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 4 2



♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 6 3
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 7 5

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

NORTH has 20 points because she gets to add one point each for her fifth, sixth and seventh

♥

s. So she opens 1

♥

.

SOUTH, with just 2 points, would have passed almost anything NORTH bid. Certainly he

passes the 1

♥

bid.

Deal 22

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 4 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ Q J

♣ A K 7 2

9
11 13
7

West

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 9

♥ A 8 4 3

♦ A 10 6 5 3

♣ J 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 3

♥ J 10 5

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 5

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 10 6 5

♥ K Q 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ 8 3

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 14 points so he opens one of his 5-card Major suit, 1♠.

WEST has some good ♣s, but with four of partner's Major she doesn't bother bidding anything else.

Since she has 11 points she jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

EAST is very close to passing. He now gets to add a point for his doubleton ♣ which takes

him up to 15 points. So he has enough to bid 4♠.

Deal 23

South Deals

None Vul

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

11
6 9
14

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a normal opening bid of 1♠.

NORTH has a Limit Raise in ♠s, 11 points and 4 ♠s.

He responds 3♠

SOUTH figures that 15 points is enough for game with partner showing 11/12.

She bids 4♠.

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 8 7 2

♥ —

♦ K J 9 8 2

♣ A 6

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 6 4 2

♦ A 3

♣ 4 2



♠ 5 4 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ 10 6 5

♣ Q J 8 5

♠ Q 10

♥ J 10 9

♦ Q 7 4

♣ K 10 9 7 3

12
14 6
8

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by West

EAST has 6 points and wouldn't dream of opening.

WEST has 17 points, counting three extra length points, so she opens 1

♥

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EAST does have enough to raise to 2

♥

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WEST makes one more try, inviting with a 3

♥

bid but EAST just passes.