

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ A K 3

10 6
16 8

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4

♠ K
♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 5 2

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ A
♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7

West North East South
3 ♥ Pass Pass 4 ♥

Pass Pass Pass
4 ♥ by North

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Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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Deal 2

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

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

SOUTH has a 7-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ instead.

NORTH should respond $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$, and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

Deal 3

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

♠ K Q
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ A K Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 4 2

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



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 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 3

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7 11
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West

Pass
2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

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♠ K 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ A 10

♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East
South
2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

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.