

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 5 4 3
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A 7 5

14
8 9
9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by North

♠ 10 9 7
♥ K 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J 10 4



♠ A K 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

North

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

2 ♣

SOUTH has four \hat{a}^{TM} s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

NORTH knows there is no 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, but he does have

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

SOUTH has 9 points and with four $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ s she goes back to that suit and NORTH passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ A 6 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ 8 7 5

14
6 11
9

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2

♠ 10

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ A 6 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five \hat{a}^{TM} s, this time so she bids $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in \hat{a}^{TM} s, so he bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ Q 6 3

15
6 8
11

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

♠ A 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A J 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ K 10 9 4

♠ K J 10 8 6
♥ 6
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ 8 7 5

SOUTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in
â™¥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™¥.

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

to 4

â™¥

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

happily pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

6
13 9
12

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2

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

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

â™Ÿ

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the â™Ÿ 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.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J 10 7
♦ A K Q 8 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

11
12 4
13

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by North

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 4



♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2

North
1 ♠
3 ♠
Pass

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 6

East
Pass
Pass
Pass

South
2 ♦
4 ♠

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in 2nd s, but this could be dangerous since NORTH

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

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

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