

Deal 1

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

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



♠ A K 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

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

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

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

♦'s

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

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

Deal 2

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



♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 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

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an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 3
 ♥ J 5 2
 ♦ J 8 4 2
 ♣ Q 6 3

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♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 8 7 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 9 4

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A J 2

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

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

SOUTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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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

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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	♠ 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

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the â™ 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 5
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 4 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A K Q 8 2 ♣ Q 7 5 3 11 12 4 13	♠ 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
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♠ by North			

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'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 3♦ and SOUTH bids the game.

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