

Deal 1

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

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opening bid - 13 points and five trumps.

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

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

bids 4

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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 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ Q J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ J 8 4

♠ 5

♥ 10 4 3 2

♦ 10 2

♣ A 10 7 6 5 2



♠ 6 3

♥ 9 8 7 6

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ K Q 3

♠ A J 10 8 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ A K 3

♣ 9

11
4 6
19

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

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

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

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

SOUTH 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 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8
♥ K J 10 8
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 5

13
8 11
8

West

Pass
4 ♠ by North

♠ A 7 6 5 2
♥ 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 4



♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ 9
♣ K 8 6 3

North

1 ♠
Pass

East

Pass
Pass

South

4 ♠

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

SOUTH could bid 3♠TM, 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 South should bid 4♠TM 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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 3

14
5 9
12

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ 9 4

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K 9 6 2

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♠ A 8 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 8

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

1♥

Pass

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

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

s so he

should open 1

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

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NORTH, with 14 points and four

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

s knows there are

enough points for a game contract and at

least nine

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

s between

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

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

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This is similar to Deal 13.

Deal 5

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

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

♠

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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 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 7
♣ 8 7 4 3

7
10 11
12

West

Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ K Q 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 5



♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ J 10 9
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 6

North

Pass
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♠
Pass

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

SOUTH naturally opens 1[♠] with her 13 point, 5-card [♠] suit hand.

NORTH 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[♠].