

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 8 6

8 13
8 11

West

♠ Q J 2
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ 5
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ A J 10 4
♣ 10 7 2

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass Pass Pass
2 ♠ by South

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2â™.

NORTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

Deal 2

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

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ J 4



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

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2 \hat{a} TM.

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game. Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. The will probably make just ten tricks.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5
♥ A J 6
♦ J 10 4 3
♣ A 10 9 6

10 9
8 13

West

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ 4
♥ K Q 10 9 4 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ K 8 2

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 \hat{a} TM anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

\hat{a} TM Y

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 \hat{a} TM bid will shut him out, and 4 \hat{a} TM probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

Deal 4

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

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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♦ by South			

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

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bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening 1 NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3 NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if NORTH is unable to reach the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win six tricks if

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s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.