

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ A J 10

♣ 6 3 2

13
6 9
12

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5



♠ K 3

♥ 5

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

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

s and a singleton or void in $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

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

game.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ J 8 3

8
 13 15
 4

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♠ 2
 ♥ 9 8 4 2
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A 10 7 5 2

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ K Q

West North East South
 2 NT Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ by East

EAST bids 3 \hat{a}^{TM} to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

WEST's failure to make a Control bid in either $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}s$,

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

s

or

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

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So EAST settles for game.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

16
 6 4
14



♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ 7 2

♠ 10 2
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 6 5
 ♣ K J 8 4 3

♠ K Q
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3

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bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 4**♥ A K 4****♦ 9 8****♣ Q J 2****♠ 10 5 2****♥ Q 9 7 5****♦ 5 2****♣ 9 7 5 4****♠ K 7 6 3****♥ J 8 3****♦ K Q****♣ A K 8 3**

♠ J
2
16 16
6
♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3
♣ 10 6

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass

4 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass

5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

6 ♠ by West

WEST shows extra strength / five trumps.

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are Control-showing bids.

EAST knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain WEST holds the trump Ace.