

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 5

♥ 8 6 5 4 2

♦ 5 4

♣ A 4 3

♠ A 9 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 9 6 2



♠ T 8 3 2

♥ T 9

♦ Q J 9 7 2

♣ 7 5

♠ K Q 7

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A T 6

♣ Q T 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	Pass	1NT
All Pass			6NT

6 NT by South

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 SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT bid.

NORTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If SOUTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if SOUTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4NT raise solves the problem. It tells SOUTH to bid 6NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here SOUTH bids the slam.

Board 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ A Q 9
♦ T 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 8 5

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6



♠ J 10 9 8 5
♥ K T 7 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ T 4 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

3 ♠ by North

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NORTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when SOUTH opens 1 NORTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

SOUTH has just 13 points, and knowing NORTH has less than 13 he passes.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 9
♦ J T 9 7 4
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5



♠ A K Q J 9 6 4
♥ -
♦ 3 2
♣ T 8 4 2

♠ T 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

4♥ by North

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After SOUTH opens with 1

, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

.
But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens with you should just jump right to game.

Board 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ Q T 8 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ 7 5

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2



♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit.

With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

NORTH now knows that will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4 .

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ 8 7

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

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♠ A
♥ J 9 8
♦ T 9 5 4
♣ Q J T 5 2

♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .