

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7
♥ 10
♦ 10 8 6 3 2
♣ Q J 9 6 2

16
5 7
12

W	N	E	S
♠ K 5	♦ A 4	♣ A 4	♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3	♦ A 4	♣ A 4	♥ J 7
♦ K 9 7 5	♣ K 5 3		

♠ A J 10 6 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q J
♣ 10 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

South opens 1 ♠. North has a powerhouse, plenty strong enough to jump-shift. But playing 2/1 it's usually simpler when you make the 2/1 response, and save your jumping for later - if at all. So North bids just 2 ♥, knowing South must keep the bidding open.

South knows North has at least 5 ♥s, so his first priority is to agree on the trump suit. He bids 3 ♥.

North now makes the slam try. She knows South has at least three trumps, and all she wants to find out is how many Aces/Kings South holds. So she bids Blackwood and South confesses to two Aces.

Still hoping for the Grand, North bids 5 NT. Oops, South doesn't have any kings so North settles for a small slam.

This is a good slam, cold if East makes any opening lead other than a ♣. With a ♣ lead, North will have to pull trumps and play to discard a loser on the ♠T.

Deal 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

	♠ 9 8 6 4 3		
	♥ 9 6		
	♦ A 10 9		
	♣ 10 9 6		
♠ Q J 2	♠ A		
♥ K 10	♥ A Q J 7 5 3		
♦ K Q 8 6 5	♦ 7 4 2		
♣ Q 8 7	♣ K J 4		
	♠ K 10 7 5		
4	♥ 8 4 2		
13 15	♦ J 3		
8	♣ A 5 3 2		
West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

East opens 1 ♥ and West responds 2 ♦.

East has a good-looking hand, but needs to find a trump suit before she starts showing her extra strength, so she bids just 2 ♥.

Knowing that East holds 6 ♥s, West can support with the honor doubleton so he agrees the trump suit with a Fast Arrival bid of 4 ♥.

East has some extra strength, but not enough to push on after West's weak bid. Notice that if East DID try a 4 ♠ Control bid West would just bid 5 ♥ and the pair might be one trick too high.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ A 9 8
♣ J 6 3

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9 10
9

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

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

W	N	E
S		

North opens 1 ♠. South has 11 points, enough to respond 2 ♥ in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1 NT.

North would love to pass 1 NT but is not permitted to do so. He has no good bid, so he must bid a 3-card suit. When holding two 3-card minors, usually bid ♣s. South now shows the ♥ suit that she could not bid first round.

North was forced to reply to 1 NT, but he is not forced to bid again. With his minimum hand and a tolerance for partner's suit he just passes and the partnership ends up in a reasonable contract.

This hand demonstrates one of the benefits of Forcing 1 NT. In standard bidding South's first response would be 2 ♥, and North would have to bid again, probably 2 NT. The partnership might go even higher but in any case would probably not reach a good contract.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A 10 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4

6
11 17
6

West
1 NT
2 NT
Pass
3 NT by West

♠ J 10 9 3
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ J 4
♣ Q 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 7

♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ K Q 8 7 6
♣ 3 2

North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass
Pass 2 ♣ Pass
Pass 3 NT Pass

East opens 1 ♠. West has 11 points, enough to respond 2 ♣, (or 2 ♦), in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1 NT.

East is forced to bid again, but unlike the previous hand, here he wants to keep bidding. He bids 2 ♣. West knows East doesn't have ♥s, so she shows her above-minimum hand by bidding 2 NT.

East is happy to play Notrump. He assumes West must have something useful in ♦s and bids 3 NT.

3 NT seems to be a good contract. There are 8 top tricks and possibilities for a ninth winner in either ♠s, ♦s, or, (the best chance), ♣s.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ Q J 6
 ♣ K Q 8 6 3

11
 12 10
 7

♠ 8 6 2
 ♥ A Q J 7 5 3
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ A 8 7 4
 ♣ 9 7

♠ K 9 5
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ K 10 3 2
 ♣ J 10 5 4

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

North opens 1 ♥. South responds 1 NT, just as in standard bidding. The difference is that in this case the 1 NT response is forcing on North.

North has an easy second bid, he rebids his 6-card suit. South has nothing to say over 2 ♥ except pass.

Notice that this is the same bidding and same final contract that would have been reached with standard bidding. Using 2/1 is often like that.

Deal 6
East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 2

12 7
8 13

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

N
W E
S

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K J 5 2
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 5 4

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

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East cannot rebid her ♠s, but has decent support for partner's ♦s. So she bids 3 ♦.

West always intended to play a ♠ contract. He now bids 4 ♠, using Fast Arrival to indicate he has no slam aspirations.

4 ♠ is cold, and if the defenders don't take their ♥ tricks immediately East will make an overtrick.

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ K 5
Both Vul ♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ A 4

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

 16
 5 7
 12

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 6 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q J
♣ 10 8 7

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

4
13 15
8

Deal 9 ♠ A Q 8 6 2

North Deals ♥ 10 4

E-W Vul ♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

12 ♥ K Q J 7 5 3

9 10

9

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q 10 6

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A 10 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ 7 5 4

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 8 7 6

♣ 3 2

6
11 17
6

Deal 11

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

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

11
12 10
7

♠ K 9 5
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ J 10 5 4



Deal 12

West Deals	♠ 8 4
N-S Vul	♥ Q 3
	♦ J 3
	♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3
♠ K J 2	♠ A Q 10 9 5
♥ 8 7 4	♥ 10 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 5	♦ K 10 8 6
♣ Q 2	♣ A
	♠ 7 6 3
12 7 13	♥ A K J 5 2
8	♦ 4 2
	♣ 10 5 4

N
W E
S

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ K 5
Both Vul	♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
	♦ A 4
	♣ A 4
♠ Q 7	♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 10	♥ J 7
♦ 10 8 6 3 2	♦ K 9 7 5
♣ Q J 9 6 2	♣ K 5 3
16 5 7 12	♠ A J 10 6 2
	♥ A 6 2
	♦ Q J
	♣ 10 8 7



Deal 14
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 3
♥ 9 6
♦ A 10 9
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 2
♥ K 10
♦ K Q 8 6 5
♣ Q 8 7

4
13 15
8

N
W E
S

♠ A
♥ A Q J 7 5 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ K J 4

♠ K 10 7 5
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 3
♣ A 5 3 2

Deal 15 ♠ A Q 8 6 2

South Deals ♥ 10 4

N-S Vul ♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

12 ♥ K Q J 7 5 3

9 ♦ 4 3 2

9 ♣ Q 5 4

Deal 16West Deals
E-W Vul♠ J 10 9 3
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ J 4
♣ Q 10 6♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A 10 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4N
W E
S♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 76
11 17
6
♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ K Q 8 7 6
♣ 3 2

Deal 17 ♠ 8 6 2
North Deals ♥ A Q J 7 5 3
None Vul ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 5
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ J 10 5 4

11
12 10
7

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

<p>♠ K J 2 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ Q 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12 13</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3</p> <p>N W E S</p> <p>♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A K J 5 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q 10 9 5 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ A</p>
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Deal 19

South Deals	♠ K 5
E-W Vul	♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
	♦ A 4
	♣ A 4
♠ Q 7	♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 10	♥ J 7
♦ 10 8 6 3 2	♦ K 9 7 5
♣ Q J 9 6 2	♣ K 5 3
16 5 7 12	♠ A J 10 6 2
	♥ A 6 2
	♦ Q J
	♣ 10 8 7



Deal 20 ♠ 9 8 6 4 3

West Deals ♥ 9 6

Both Vul ♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

4
13 15
8

Deal 21 ♠ A Q 8 6 2

North Deals ♥ 10 4

N-S Vul ♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

12 ♥ K Q J 7 5 3

9 10
9

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q 10 6

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A 10 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ 7 5 4

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 8 7 6

♣ 3 2

6
11 17
6

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2

♠ J 10
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q J 6
♣ K Q 8 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 7 4 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ 9 7

11
12 10
7

♠ K 9 5
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ J 10 5 4

Deal 24West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 4	♦ J 3	♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3
♥ Q 3		
♦ A Q 9 7 5		
♣ Q 2		
	N	♠ A Q 10 9 5
	W	♥ 10 9 6
	S	♦ K 10 8 6
	E	♣ A
♠ K J 2	♦ 7 6 3	
♥ 8 7 4	♥ A K J 5 2	
♦ 4 2		
♣ 10 5 4		

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12 **13**
8

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ K 5
E-W Vul ♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ A 4

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

 N
W E
 S

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

16
5 7
12

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

4
13 15
8

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

W N E S

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

12

9

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q 10 6

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A 10 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

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11 17
6♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ K Q 8 7 6
♣ 3 2

Deal 29 ♠ 8 6 2
North Deals ♥ A Q J 7 5 3
Both Vul ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 5
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ J 10 5 4

11
12 10
7

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ Q 3
♦ J 3
♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3

♠ K J 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 10 9 5
♥ 10 9 6
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ A

7
12 13
8

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K J 5 2
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 5 4

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ K 5
N-S Vul	♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
	♦ A 4
	♣ A 4
♠ Q 7	♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 10	♥ J 7
♦ 10 8 6 3 2	♦ K 9 7 5
♣ Q J 9 6 2	♣ K 5 3
16 5 7 12	♠ A J 10 6 2
	♥ A 6 2
	♦ Q J
	♣ 10 8 7

N
W E S

Deal 32 ♠ 9 8 6 4 3
West Deals ♥ 9 6
E-W Vul ♦ A 10 9
 ♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 2
♥ K 10
♦ K Q 8 6 5
♣ Q 8 7

4
13 15
8

N
W E
S

♠ A
♥ A Q J 7 5 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ K J 4

♠ K 10 7 5
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 3
♣ A 5 3 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

W N E S

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

12

9

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q 10 6

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A 10 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4

W N E S

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ 7 5 4

6 11 17

♥ J 9 2

♦ K Q 8 7 6

♣ 3 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2

♠ J 10

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q J 6

♣ K Q 8 6 3

♠ A Q 7 4 3

♥ 9 4

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ 9 7

11

12 10

7

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 5

♥ 10 6

♦ K 10 3 2

♣ J 10 5 4

Deal 36

West Deals
Both Vul

<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ K J 9 8 7 6 3 ♠ K J 2 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ Q 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 12 13 8</p>	<p>N W E S</p> <p>♠ A Q 10 9 5 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A K J 5 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 5 4</p>
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