

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3 2

13
6 9
12

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 4

North

1♥

4♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

4♣

Pass

♠ K 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7

SOUTH's 4♠ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

♠

s and a singleton or void in ♠s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's ♠ shortness. In fact,

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

♠

game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
 ♥ A 10 5 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 4
 ♣ 9 6 4

13
 4 8
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3



♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

SOUTH bids 3[♠] to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either [♠]£s,

[♠]!

s

or

[♠]¥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

14
 4 6
 16

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

	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♥ by North

♠ K Q
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6

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♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ 7 2

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

NORTH'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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ Q 9 7 5
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

16
 2 6
 16

♠ K 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 8 3



♠ A Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 2

♠ J
 ♥ 10 6 2
 ♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 6

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

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4TM£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.