

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**♠ 8 3**  
**♥ Q J 10 4 2**  
**♦ Q 10 5**  
**♣ J 9 3**

**13**  
**6 8**  
**13**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♦	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♦ by North			

**N**  
**W E**  
**S**

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

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

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

♥

♠.

NORTH has ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the ♠ fit so he bids game.

**Deal 2**

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

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			



NORTH has 13 points and four cards in both

♥

s and ♠s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

♥

♣.

SOUTH doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

♦

stopper he bids 1 NT.

NORTH happily bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

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

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

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

♥

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1♠.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2♠ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals	♠ K 9 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ A K 6 3 ♣ K Q 7 5		
None Vul			
♠ Q 8 4 ♥ K Q 9 5 4 3 ♦ Q J ♣ J 9	♠ J 7 6 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 5 4 2 ♣ 10 6 4 3 2		
15 11 1 13	♠ A 10 5 3 2 ♥ A J 10 ♦ 9 8 7 ♣ A 8		
West	North	East	South
2 ♥ Pass Pass 3 NT by South	Dbl 3 NT	Pass Pass	1 ♠ 2 NT Pass

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2



in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

SOUTH doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in



s, so

he bids 2 NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3 NT.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 4 3 2	♦ A Q J 10 5 4
♥ 8 5	♦ A K 6
♦ Q 10 7 3 2	♣ A Q 10 5 4
♣ 8 3	♠ A Q J 7 5
	♥ 10 3
	♦ J 9 5
	♣ J 9 7
	♠ 10 8 6
19 5 9 7	♥ A 9 6 4 2
	♦ 8 4
	♣ K 6 2

	N		
	W	E	
	S		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4♥ by North

SOUTH would have responded 1

♥

if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

♥

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

♥

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.

**Deal 6**

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

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



9	♠ 10 9 7
9 8	♥ K 8 7
14	♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

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

NORTH has four ♠s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠s, but he does have

♥

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♣s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 7**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A K 6 3 2	♦ 9 7 2	♣ Q 9 2
♥ 9 3		
♦ 9 7 2		
♣ Q 9 2		

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

11 9	♦ J 8 7	♣ Q 9 7	
14 6	♦ A K 6	♦ J 8 7	
	♣ K J 10 4	♦ A K 6	
West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by North			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

NORTH has five ♠s, this time so she bids 1♠.

SOUTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠s, so he bids 2♠.

NORTH has 10 points so she passes.

**Deal 8**West Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 6 8  
 11

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7  
 ♥ K 8 7 4  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ K 10 9 4

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

♠ A 5 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3  
 ♦ 9 7  
 ♣ A J 2

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

SOUTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♥

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

NORTH adds her 16 to the 11 that SOUTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

♥

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If SOUTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.

**Deal 9**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 6 3

♠ 8 5 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 9 3  
 ♦ 9 7  
 ♣ A Q 2



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

♠ 9 7  
 ♥ K 8 7 4  
 ♦ 10 8 6  
 ♣ K 10 9 4

<sup>12</sup>  
9    13  
6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2



raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the ♠ bid,  
SOUTH can jump to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3



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**Deal 10**

East Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
4    12  
11

West

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

W	N	E	S

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

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

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

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♠ which NORTH would pass.

**Deal 11**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ —	♦ Q 8 6 2	♥ A K 9 3	♦ 9 7	♣ A 8 2
♥ J 10 7 2			♦ Q 8	
♦ 8 6 2			♦ A K J 10 5 4	
♣ K Q 10 9 5 4			♣ J	
	♠ A K 9 7 3			
13 6 12 9	♥ 6 5 4			
	♦ Q 3			
	♣ 7 6 3			
West	North	East	South	
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠	
2 ♠ by South				

Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which NORTH passes.

**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
9  
<sub>20</sub>

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



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

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

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

SOUTH has a maximum 1



opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in



s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 10 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A 10 4

♠ 10 3

♥ K 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 6 3

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

West

North

East

South

1♦

1♠

Dbl

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

SOUTH has 9 points a a

♥

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1♠ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

♥

s, she has ♠s and

♦

s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her ♠ stopper and a minimum opener.

SOUTH should pass.

**Deal 14**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<p>♠ J 10 8          ♥ A K Q 10 5 2          ♦ J 5 4          ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ A K 6 4 2          ♥ 9 3          ♦ 10 9 7          ♣ 9 8 2</p>
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<p>7          11 9          13</p>	<p>♠ 5 3          ♥ 6 4          ♦ Q 3 2          ♣ A Q J 6 5 3</p>
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♠ Q 9 7  
 ♥ J 8 7  
 ♦ A K 8 6  
 ♣ K 10 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ by North	1 ♠ Pass	Pass	1 ♦ 2 ♠

With five ♠s NORTH bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

SOUTH knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠s.

NORTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♠.

**Deal 15**

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



13	♠ K 9 6 2
1 13	♥ A Q 5 3
13	♦ 8 4
	♣ A 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	2 ♣	Dbl
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♥

first, (up-the-line).

After EAST's overcall, SOUTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

NORTH bids 2

♥

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by NORTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

♥

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

SOUTH has 13 points so he bids 4

♥

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**Deal 16**South Deals  
None Vul♠ 6  
♥ A Q 10 5 2  
♦ 9 7 3  
♣ A Q 9 2
 ♠ A K 8 2  
 ♥ 9 6 3  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ 8 6 5 3

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

*West      North      East      South*

1 ♥	Dbl	2 ♥	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

♥

overcall

to show exactly four ♠s.

SOUTH also has four ♠s so he bids 2♠ at his turn to show a minimum.

NORTH is happy to pass.

**Deal 17**

North Deals	♠ 10 2		
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 6		
	♦ A Q 5		
	♣ 9 6 3		
♠ K	♠ A Q 9 7 6 4 3		
♥ 9 5 3 2	♥ —		
♦ 10 8 7 6 2	♦ J 4 3		
♣ 10 8 5	♣ A 7 4		
	♠ J 8 5		
12 3 11 14	♥ A 10 8 4		
	♦ K 9		
	♣ K Q J 2		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit Raise strength and



support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can only return to 3



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SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points he promised, so he now bids 4



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**Deal 18**

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



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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♣ by South			

NORTH has 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to WEST's 2♠.

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

SOUTH has four ♣s so he bids the suit at the minimum level and NORTH passes.

**Deal 19**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 6 4  
 ♥ 10 9 4  
 ♦ 10 9 5  
 ♣ 9 7 4 3

**19**  
 o **11**  
**10**

♠ A Q J 7 5 2  
 ♥ A K Q 7  
 ♦ K 2  
 ♣ 8

	N	
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♠ —  
 ♥ J 8 3 2  
 ♦ Q J 8 7 6 3  
 ♣ A K 10

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

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

Pass  
 6 ♠ by North

SOUTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

♦

to show his Limit Raise in ♠s.

NORTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

SOUTH says he has one so NORTH bids the slam.

**Deal 20**

	♠ 8		
South Deals	♥ AJ 9 3		
None Vul	♦ K Q 5 2		
	♣ Q J 8 2		
♠ A K J 7 6 2		♠ Q 10 4	
♥ 10 4 2		♥ 6 5	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ A 9 7 6	
♣ 10		♣ 9 7 6 3	
	♠ 9 5 3		
	♥ K Q 8 7		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ A K 5 4		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH can't bid 3



because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH has four



s and he now bids them.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 4



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**Deal 21**North Deals  
None Vul♠ Q J 8 3  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ K Q J 4♠ 9 4  
♥ A Q  
♦ J 10 8 3 2  
♣ 10 9 8 7♠ A 7 2  
♥ K 10 9 6 5 4 3  
♦ Q 9  
♣ 5♠ K 10 6 5  
♥ J 2  
♦ K 5 4  
♣ A 6 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1♠ to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four ♠s so she bids 1♠, showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3♠ but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

**Deal 22**

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



$\begin{matrix} 12 \\ 11 \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit 9 7 2 \\ \heartsuit A 6 3 \\ \diamondsuit 8 6 \\ \clubsuit A K J 6 4 \end{matrix}$		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by North			

NORTH has 13 points and a 5-card

♥

suit so she should not use a Negative Double. Instead she just bids 2

♥

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Knowing NORTH has five

♥

s SOUTH can support with just three.

NORTH bids the

♥

game.

**Deal 23**

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

14	♠ Q J 5
2 13	♥ K 10 5 3
11	♦ A J 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♣	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			



SOUTH has a Limit Raise hand but after EAST's overcall a 3

♥

bid

by SOUTH would be preemptive, not inviting. Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH has just enough that she can bid 4

♥

, knowing that if SOUTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

SOUTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

**Deal 24**

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	1 NT	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			

NORTH has 9 points and a stopper in ♠s so she responds 1 NT.

SOUTH has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3 NT.