Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

	North
	♠ K 5
	♥ A K 10 7 5 3
	♦ K 7
	♣ J 9 6

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

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

14
9   6
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

7 ♥ by North

SOUTH's jump to 4♣ is a Splinter bid, at least 4-card

♥

support,

at least opening hand, and a ♣ Singleton or Void.

NORTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

SOUTH's 5 NT reply shows two Aces and a Void somewhere, obviously ♣s.

NORTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

♥

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Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

North: ♠ — ♡ A 9 7 5 ♦ K 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 9 3 2

West: ♠ A 10 8 6 ♡ 6 4 ♦ J 10 3 2 ♣ 8 7 5

East: ♠ Q J 9 7 4 2 ♡ 8 2 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ A 4

South: ♠ K 5 3 ♡ K Q J 10 3 ♦ A ♣ K Q 10 6

8
5 9
18

West	North	East	South
			1 ♡
Pass	3 ♡	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♡ by South

SOUTH figures that if NORTH holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

NORTH only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

â™¥

s.

SOUTH manages to figure out that NORTH has a â™ void and bids the slam anyway.

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♡ A K Q
♢ 7
♣ K J 6 3

♠ Q 2
♡ 9 6 2
♢ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 10
♡ 10 5 4 3
♢ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

♠ K 7 5 3
♡ J 8 7
♢ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

17
8   7
8

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

4♠ by North

NORTH may have a good hand but SOUTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if SOUTH has a maximum there won't be a slam.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

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

West: ♠ A J 10 6 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ 10 9 8

East: ♠ K 9 8 2 ♥ A ♦ 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ 7 3 2

South: ♠ — ♥ K Q J 8 6 3 ♦ K J 2 ♣ A Q 6 5

10
7   7
  16

West	North	East	South
			1 ♡
Pass	3 ♡	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♡ by South

SOUTH has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and NORTH shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless ♥ A. Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

♥

A,

he bids 6

♥

, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!