

Deal 1

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

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



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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

With balanced distribution and 16 points SOUTH should open 1 NT rather than 1

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NORTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that SOUTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6 NT.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ J 8 5 4 3
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ J 4 2

20
 6 7
 7



♠ Q J 10 9 6
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ A K 7

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

♠ K 4
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ 8 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 5

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

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 \hat{a} TM opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 \hat{a} TM£.

SOUTH does not have 3-card \hat{a} TM support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 5

18
5 5
12

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

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



♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ A J 4
♦ A 10
♣ 9 6 2

♠ 5

♥ 10 3 2
♦ 9 6 2

♣ A J 10 8 7 4

SOUTH has a minimum 1 \hat{a}^{TM} opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

NORTH hears the 1 \hat{a}^{TM} bid and all he wants to know is whether SOUTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4 NT.

SOUTH has two Aces so she bids 5

5 \hat{a}^{TM}

(5 \hat{a}^{TM} would show zero Aces,

5

5 \hat{a}^{TM}

would show one Ace, etc).

NORTH has heard enough and bids 6 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ Q 8 5
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ J 9 8 5 2
 ♣ K Q 2

9
 8
 15

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♠ A 7 4
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K 7 6 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 3

♠ K J 10 9 3
 ♥ J 10 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ J 10 8 4

♠ 6 2
 ♥ A K 8 7 6 2
 ♦ A 10 3
 ♣ A 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NTPASS	3H	Pass
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4 ♥ by South		

SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

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NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1 NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

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, which

NORTH raises to 4

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since two trumps is now adequate support.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 5 4

8
11 7
14

♠ J 10 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6

♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

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

SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

NORTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

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SOUTH now shows his 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, which SOUTH happily passes.