

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 3 2

13
6 7
14

West
Pass
Pass
4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5

N
W E
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♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

North
1 ♥
4 ♥

East
Pass
Pass

South
3 ♠
Pass

SOUTH's 3â™ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the â™ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one â™ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

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Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

8
14 13
5

West
3 ♠
4 ♦
5 ♥
Pass
6 ♥ by East

♠ A K 10 9 8

♥ 7 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ J 10 7

W	N
S	E

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ A 6 5

♠ Q J 5 2
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 7 6 3
♣ 8 3 2

North
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

1 ♥
4 ♣
4 NT
6 ♥

East
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's ™ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4™£

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

™!

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

Deal 3

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

¹³ ⁵ ⁹ ₁₃	¹³ ⁵ ⁹ ₁₃	¹³ ⁵ ⁹ ₁₃	¹³ ⁵ ⁹ ₁₃
♠ A 7 5	♥ Q J 10 7 6	♦ J 8	♣ K Q 3

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

NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for SOUTH's 1

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opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2â™£.

When SOUTH next says 2 NT NORTH can jump to 4

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

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game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit 9 8 7 6 \heartsuit Q 10 \diamond A 4 3 \clubsuit 10 8 4 3 \spadesuit 3 \heartsuit K J 9 6 5 2 \diamond K Q J \clubsuit K Q 5 $\begin{matrix} 6 \\ 15 \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} 15 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$	\spadesuit K Q J \heartsuit A 8 7 3 \diamond 6 2 \clubsuit A J 9 2 \spadesuit A 10 5 4 2 \heartsuit 4 \diamond 10 9 8 7 5 \clubsuit 7 6
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W E
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<i>West</i> 1 \heartsuit 3 \spadesuit 4 NT Pass 5 \heartsuit by West	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 NT 4 \clubsuit 5 \heartsuit	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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WEST bids $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ to show a strong hand with a singleton \hat{a}^{TM} .

After EAST shows her first-round \hat{a}^{TM} , WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

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