

**Deal 1**

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

NORTH's 3

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rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what SOUTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

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if NORTH has three Aces, bid 6

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if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

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if he has just one. If North has no Aces SOUTH will get a new partner.

**Deal 2**

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

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

<b>15</b>	♠ A Q 10 6 4
4 4	♥ K Q J 7
<b>17</b>	♦ K J
	♣ J 5

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s by her 3 NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

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

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Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ . Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

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

denied first-round control in both  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s and

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ddot{I}$

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

♠ 10 4 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K 10 3 2
♣ J 9 6

12
8 5
15

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



NORTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH would have cooperated if NORTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Deal 4**

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

<sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup> <sub>6</sub> <sub>13</sub>	<sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup> <sub>6</sub> <sub>13</sub>	<sup>12</sup> <sup>9</sup> <sub>6</sub> <sub>13</sub>
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West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH's 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$  is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

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

s and a singleton or void in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$ s.

SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$  shortness. In fact,

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

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

game.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 2  
 ♥ 9 8 4 2  
 ♦ A 5 3  
 ♣ A 10 7 5 2

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 8 4  
<sup>13</sup>

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

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

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

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

NORTH bids 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

SOUTH's failure to make a Control bid in either  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\&s;$ ,

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

s

or

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

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So NORTH settles for game.