

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

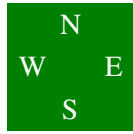
♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5



♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

♠ A J 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ T 9

♣ T 9 8 6

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NORTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

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Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

4 ♥ by South

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then NORTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So SOUTH just bids 4

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Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A Q 5
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K Q 9 4
 ♣ K J 7 4 2

♠ T 7 6 4
 ♥ T 3
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ A Q T 3



♠ J 8 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 5

♠ K 9 2
 ♥ A 9 8 5
 ♦ J T 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

West	North	East	South
		2♥	All Pass

2♥ by East

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 WEST really hates that 2

opening by EAST.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are delusional.

Board 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 9 3
♦ Q T 8 6 2
♣ A Q 8 7 2

♠ K 8 4
♥ A Q T 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 9 6 5

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♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 7 3
♣ T 4

♠ A Q J T 6 5
♥ 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ K J 3

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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SOUTH expects to be better off in than NORTH
would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round
force or not, NORTH should make the 3 bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the game.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 8 4

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 9 2

♦ T 8 7

♣ K J 7 5



♠ A K 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ A

♠ Q T 8 3

♥ T

♦ A 9

♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

West

3♥

5♦

North

Pass

Pass

East

4NT

6♥

South

Pass

All Pass

6♥ by East

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WEST has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

EAST, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When WEST shows one Ace EAST can bid 6

with confidence.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ A 8 4 3

♦ A 5 2

♣ 4

♠ A Q T

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 3

♣ A J T



♠ K 7 5

♥ T 9 5 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 6 3

♠ J 3

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3♣

3 NT by North

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SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid
3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long
suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 6 3

♥ Q 8 2

♦ A K Q

♣ K Q J

♠ K 9 8 5 2

♥ 4

♦ J 6 3

♣ A T 8 7



♠ J 4

♥ K J T 9 6 3

♦ 8 7 5

♣ 4 2

♠ T 7

♥ A 7 5

♦ T 9 4 2

♣ 9 6 5 3

West

North

East

South

2NT

Pass

2♥

Pass

4♥

Pass

3♥

Pass

All Pass

4♥ by West

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When EAST opens with a Weak 2

bid, WEST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if EAST has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

EAST returns to

s to show bare minimum so WEST settles for game.