

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 8

♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ —
♣ 7 6 4 3



♠ 10 5 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 9 2

18
3 4
15

♠ A 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	6 NT	Pass	1 NT
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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3

♥ J 8 5 4 3

♦ K J 9

♣ J 4 2

20
6 7
7

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7

♠ K 4

♥ Q 10 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

North

1 ♠

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1st opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2nd.

SOUTH does not have 3-card st 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 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2		♠ 5
♥ 9 8 7 6		♥ 10 3 2
♦ 8 5 4 3		♦ 9 6 2
♣ K Q 5		♣ A J 10 8 7 4
	♠ Q J 10 8 3	
	♥ A J 4	
	♦ A 10	
	♣ 9 6 2	
18		
5 5		
12		

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH has a minimum 1st opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

NORTH hears the 1st 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

5th

(5th would show zero Aces,

5

5th

would show one Ace, etc).

NORTH has heard enough and bids 6th.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 5

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 8 5 2

♣ K Q 2

9
8 8
15

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3

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♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A 10 3

♣ A 9

♠ K J 10 9 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 8 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 NTPASS3H

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by South

Pass

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

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 10 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6



♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

North

1 ♥
2 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♣
1 ♠
Pass

SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card ♠ suit.

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

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SOUTH now shows his 4-card ♠ suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2♠, which SOUTH happily passes.