

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

	N
W	E
S	

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ J 7 3**♥ 5 3****♦ K Q J 10 4****♣ A J 6****West****North****East****South****1 ♦****1 ♥****1 ♠****Pass****2 ♠****Pass****4 ♠****Pass****Pass****4 ♠ by North**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

It is the sign of a novice to support responder's 1-level response with only 3 of the suit. Very often he will have responded in a 4-card suit and you end up playing in a 7-card fit.

But that is not the case here. If partner had only 4 ♠s he would not have bid the suit, he would have made a Negative Double. Since his ♠ bid promises 5 it is quite correct for you to support with only 3. So you raise to 2 ♠ and partner bids the game.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

N
W E
S♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 614
5 12
9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♣ by East			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

First let's agree on what you DON'T say. You don't say "double" because that would a Negative Double showing at least one 4-card Major. You don't support partner's ♦s with just two of them. You probably don't bid 1 NT with no honor in either Major. So you pass. This is called a "Trap Pass". Partner re-opens with a double. What do you say?

Now you see why it's called a "Trap Pass". When an overcall is followed by two passes Opener should try to find another bid. In particular he should try to double for takeout if he can. That's what North did here, but you converted it to a Penalty Double by passing.

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W S E

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12
9 7

♠ J 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ A J 6

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♦ 9 5

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —



♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

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5 12

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Deal 5 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

N-S Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

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12

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 6 ♠ A K 7 5
East Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
E-W Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
S

14
5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 7 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

Both Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

12

9 **7**

12

Deal 8 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
None Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
S

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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W S E

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

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12

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 10 ♠ A K 7 5
East Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
Both Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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



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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 11 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

None Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

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Deal 12 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
N-S Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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



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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 13 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

Both Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

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12

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 14
East Deals
None Vul

♣ 9 5

♠ J 10 8 4 2
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
♣ —



♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q

♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2

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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 15 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

N-S Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

12

9 **7**

12

Deal 16 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
E-W Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
S

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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W S E

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

12

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Deal 18 ♠ A K 7 5
East Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
N-S Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 19 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

E-W Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

9 7

12

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 20 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
Both Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 21 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

N-S Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 22 ♠ A K 7 5
East Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
E-W Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 23 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

Both Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 24 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
None Vul ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

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

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W E
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 25 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

E-W Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 26 ♠ A K 7 5
East Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
Both Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 27 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

None Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 28 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
N-S Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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



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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 29 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

Both Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul
♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2

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5 12
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♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2

Deal 31 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

N-S Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

9 7

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 32 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
E-W Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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

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W E
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 33 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

North Deals ♥ A 8 6

None Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

12

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 34
East Deals
N-S Vul
♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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

N
W E
S

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5 12
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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 35 ♠ K Q 10 9 4

South Deals ♥ A 8 6

E-W Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

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9 7

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♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 36 ♠ A K 7 5
West Deals ♥ A 9 8 3
Both Vul ♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

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

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♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6