

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
8 11  
4

West

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ A 5  
♥ K Q 10 9 7  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 7 6 3  
♥ J 4 2  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ 8 6 5

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So SOUTH passes.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 5  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ Q 5 3 2  
♣ A 7 5 4

6  
7 11  
16

♠ K 8 2  
♥ K 5 4 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 9 8 3 2



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

♠ A 10 3  
♥ Q 8 6 2  
♦ A J 10 9  
♣ 10 6

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by South			

now bid 4<sup>TM</sup> - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth <sup>TM</sup>. This is a middle-range hand with five <sup>TM</sup>s.

So he opens 1<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

<sup>TM</sup>!

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But she does have three <sup>TM</sup>s, so she can respond 2<sup>TM</sup>.

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3<sup>TM</sup>.

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ A 5 2  
♦ K Q 8 5 3  
♣ K 10 7 2

11  
12 9  
8

West

Pass  
Pass  
2 ♠ by North

♠ A J 9 6 4 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ A 6  
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 7 5  
♥ K J 7 4  
♦ J 9 4 2  
♣ J 8

North

1 ♠  
Pass

East

Pass  
Pass

South

Pass  
2 ♠

With 8 points, SOUTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

NORTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  each added 1 point to his count. He opens  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

Although SOUTH passed originally, she must respond to NORTH's opening bid. Since she has

three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s she raises to  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

In light of SOUTH's weak response NORTH passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
9 8  
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♠ J 6 5  
♥ K 10 7 5  
♦ A 8  
♣ 9 8 6 2



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

♠ Q 9 4 2  
♥ 3  
♦ J 10 9 6 5  
♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton),  
NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He  
invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 5 3  
 ♥ J 10  
 ♦ 10 7 2  
 ♣ 7 4 3

16  
 9 8  
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2  
 ♥ A K 5 4 2  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ A K Q

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♠ 7 6 4  
 ♥ Q 7 6 3  
 ♦ A J 4  
 ♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.