

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ K Q

9
9 6
16

♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ A 7



♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 5
♣ J 8 6

♠ A
♥ J 9 8 5 3
♦ J
♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

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

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠].

NORTH has good [♠] support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton [♠]£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2[♠]

SOUTH cannot bid game yet, after all, NORTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3[♠] bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4[♠].

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ A 7
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 9 6 4

11
7 10
12

West

Pass
Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ A Q 3



♠ K J 6
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ 8 5

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

South

1 ♥
Pass

♠ A 10 4
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K J 10 7 2

SOUTH has a bare minimum 13 point hand, and he should open 1

♠

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NORTH has 11 points and good

♠

support so she jumps to 3

♠

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 7 5 4 2
♣ A K 2

11
10 7
12

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7



♠ 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5

North

Pass

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q J
♣ 8 6 4 3

NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but SOUTH can add and he knows the total

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4



♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North

2 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a normal 1st opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2nd.

SOUTH passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. NORTH can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 7 4 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ J 7 3

11
7 7
15

♠ K 6 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ K 3 2

♣ A 6 2



♠ A Q 7 5 3

♥ K Q

♦ A 8 7 6

♣ 9 4

♠ J 9 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 5

♣ K Q 10 8 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points SOUTH should open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

SOUTH adds: her 16 plus NORTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ J 7 3
♣ A 8 7 4

11
8 5
16

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ A K Q 7

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ Q 9 5



♠ J 10 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 3

North

3♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♠

4♠

SOUTH has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal SOUTH will open 1♠.

NORTH has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) ♠ support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3♠.

SOUTH adds the points and ignores the fact that his ♠ suit is Jack high.

He bids 4♠.