

<b>Deal 1</b>	<b>♠ 7 6 4</b>		
North Deals	♥ A K 9 7 4 3		
None Vul	♦ 7 2		
	♣ Q 5		
<b>♠ 10 5 2</b>	<b>♠ A J 9 8 3</b>		
♥ 8 6 2	♥ 10 5		
♦ 10 4	♦ J 9 8 3		
♣ A 9 7 6 3	♣ 10 8		
	<b>♠ K Q</b>		
9	♥ Q J		
4 6	♦ A K Q 6 5		
21	♣ K J 4 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

- NORTH is too weak to open 1
- $\hat{a}^T M Y$
- but just right for 2
- $\hat{a}^T M Y$
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- Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good  
 $\hat{a}^T M Y$
- s. Could this be time for a slam try?
- Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

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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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**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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**15** 7  
7

West

Pass  
2 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 7 6 2  
♥ 10 5  
♦ A 10 7 3  
♣ A 10

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

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

North      East  
2 ♥      Pass

WEST really hates that 2

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opening by EAST.

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

teeth and passes.

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

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

$\spadesuit$ K 8 4 $\heartsuit$ A Q 10 6 4 2 $\diamond$ 4 $\clubsuit$ 9 6 5  $\spadesuit$ 7 3 2 $\heartsuit$ K 9 8 $\diamond$ Q 7 6 3 2 $\clubsuit$ A 4  <b>9</b> <b>9</b> 7 <b>15</b> <b>♠ A Q J 10 6 5</b> <b>♥ 7</b> <b>♦ A 9 5</b> <b>♣ K J 3</b>	$\spadesuit$ 9 $\heartsuit$ J 5 3 $\diamond$ K J 10 8 $\clubsuit$ Q 10 8 7 2
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*West      North      East      South*

Pass      2  $\heartsuit$       Pass      2  $\spadesuit$   
 Pass      3  $\spadesuit$       Pass      4  $\spadesuit$   
 Pass      Pass      Pass  
 4  $\spadesuit$  by South

SOUTH expects to be better off in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 's than NORTH would be in 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, NORTH should make the 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  game.

**Deal 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

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

7  
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 6 **20**

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W		E
	S	

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

♠ Q J 9 3  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 8 7  
 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

West      North      East      South  
 3 ♥      Pass      4 NT      Pass  
 5 ♦      Pass      6 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      Pass  
 6 ♥ by West

WEST has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

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

When WEST shows one Ace EAST can bid 6

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with confidence.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6  
♥ A 9 8 3  
♦ K 8 6 5  
♣ 3

**20**  
7 7  
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♠ A Q 10  
♥ K Q J  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♣ A J 10

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 5 4 2  
♥ 10 5 4 2  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ 6 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by North			

SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  opening bid.

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

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

but 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$  would go down 1.

**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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 5 5

West  
 2 NT  
 4 ♥  
 4 ♥ by East

♠ K 10 8 2

♥ 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A 10 8 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9 7 5  
 ♥ A 7 4  
 ♦ J 10 9 3  
 ♣ 9 6 3

North      East      South  
 Pass      2 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      3 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      Pass      Pass

When EAST opens with a Weak 2

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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 2 NT to get more  
 information.

EAST returns to

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s to show bare minimum so WEST settles  
 for game.