

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

4
 9 10
 17

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 3
 ♣ 9 2



♠ K J 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q

♠ Q 9 5
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ J 10 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1 ♠ by South			

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠TM.

NORTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ K Q

9
9 6
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 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

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 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ A 7

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ 9 6 4

11
7 10
12

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 9 6 4

♦ K 6 2

♣ A Q 3

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♠ K J 6

♥ K J 8 5 2

♦ A 7 4

♣ 8 5

♠ A 10 4

♥ 10 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K J 10 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥
Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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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 4

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

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6 3

♥ A K Q 7 2

♦ K 6

♣ 10 9 5

North

Pass

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

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 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ K Q 9 8 3

6
10 11
13

♠ 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

♠ 8
♥ J 8 3
♦ A K Q 10 6 2
♣ J 5 2

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

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.