

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

16  
 8 10  
 6

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7



♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

3♥

Pass

Here NORTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

NORTH assumes that SOUTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

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**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8  
 ♥ A 6 3  
 ♦ Q J 10 6 5  
 ♣ A 9 5

13  
 11 7  
 9

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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



♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5  
 ♥ Q 10 2  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ 6 3

*North*

2 ♣

4 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♠ instead.

NORTH should respond 2♣, and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 3  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ J 9 8 3  
 ♣ 10 8

21  
 6 4  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ K Q

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ K J 4 2

W N  
 S E

♠ 7 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 5

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

2♥

Pass

SOUTH is too weak to open 1

♠™

but just right for 2

♠™

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Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

♠™

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

♠™

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

♠™

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**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 7 11  
 7

West

Pass

2♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

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

teeth and passes.

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