

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ A K 6 3 2
None Vul	♥ 9 3
	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 2

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



9	♠ Q 9 7
11 6	♥ J 8 7
14	♦ A K 6
	♣ K J 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by North			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

NORTH has five ♠'s, this time so she bids 1♦.

SOUTH knows there

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an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

NORTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 2

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ K Q 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ K J 10 8 6	♠ Q 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A 10 5 3	♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ Q 6 3



11	♠ A 5 2
8 6	♥ A Q 10 9 3
15	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2

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

happily pass.

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™ .

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

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If NORTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2

♠ K 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ K J 4 2
♣ J 6 3

12
9
6

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♠ A Q J 10 6
♥ 6
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ 8 7 5

♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ 10 8 6
♣ K 10 9 4

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

Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the â™ bid,
SOUTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

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Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
 ♥ Q 8 5 2
 ♦ J 10 5 4
 ♣ 9 6

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4 12
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♦	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♣ by South			

♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ A K 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 8 2

	<p>♠ 4 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A K Q 8 2 ♣ Q 7 5 3</p>
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♠ A K 9 7 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K J 10 4

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♦ which NORTH would pass.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5 4**♥ Q 8****♦ A K J 10 5 4****♣ J****12 9
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13****♠ A K 9 7 3****♥ 6 5 4****♦ Q 3****♣ 7 6 3**

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♠ —**♥ J 10 7 2****♦ 8 6 2****♣ K Q 10 9 5 4****♠ Q 8 6 2****♥ A K 9 3****♦ 9 7****♣ A 8 2***West North East South*

1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♦

Pass 2♠ Pass Pass

Pass

2♣ by North

Compare this to Deal 10.

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♦'s, but this could be dangerous since NORTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, SOUTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♦ which SOUTH passes.

Deal 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 9 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ J 7 4

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♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q J 9 3
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ Q 8



♠ 10 6 4 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ 10 9 5 3 2

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 10 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 4
 ♣ A K 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has a maximum 1

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opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

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s, but after WEST's overcall she makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4 NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.