

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ 5 3

17
3 5
15

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ K Q 7
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 8



♠ A 9 4
♥ A 7
♦ K 8 3
♣ K J 9 6 2

North

1 NT

6 NT

♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ A 7 4

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT

Pass

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1 NT bid.

SOUTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If NORTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if NORTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4 NT raise solves the problem. It tells NORTH to bid 6 NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here NORTH bids the slam.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4
 ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ 10 6 2
 ♣ A 9 8 4

11
 10 7
 12

♠ K 9 7 3
 ♥ 8 4 2
 ♦ A K 5
 ♣ J 7 6



♠ A Q 8 6 2
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K Q 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

NORTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when SOUTH opens 1♠ NORTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3♠.

SOUTH has just 13 points, and knowing NORTH has less than 13 he passes.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

14
 9 8
 9

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 10 8 2
 ♥ A K 7 5 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ Q 6



♠ 7 3
 ♥ Q 8 6 4 2
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ K 9 5

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

After NORTH opens with 1

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, SOUTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

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But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

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instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 9 8 5

19
9 5
7

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K 10 6 2



♠ K 10 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

North

1♦

4♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♠

Pass

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

1TM

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SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1TM.

NORTH now knows that 1TMs will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

She bids 4TM.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ K 10 8 5 3

♣ J 7 2

16
8 7
9

♠ K Q J 7 4

♥ K Q 2

♦ A J 6

♣ 9 3



♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 10 8

♦ 9 4 2

♣ Q 10 8 5

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

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

NORTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1st rather than 1 NT.

SOUTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2nd.

NORTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3rd.

SOUTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4th.