

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ A 8 3 2

**13**  
6 7  
**14**

West  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 6 5

N  
W E  
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♠ A 9 8 7 6  
♥ 7 6  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ 10 7

♠ 3  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ A J 10 2  
♣ K Q 9 4

North  
1 ♥  
4 ♥

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
3 ♠  
Pass

SOUTH's 3â™ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the â™ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one â™ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

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**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
**5 8**  
**13**

**♠ 3**  
**♥ A 9 5 3**  
**♦ A J 10 2**  
**♣ K Q 9 4**

**N**  
**W S E**

**♠ A K 10 9 8**  
**♥ 7 2**  
**♦ 9 8 5**  
**♣ J 10 7**

**♠ 7 6 4**  
**♥ K Q J 8 4**  
**♦ K 4**  
**♣ A 6 5**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time NORTH's  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  shortness complements her hand very well. She bids  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{f}$

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

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

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ A 8 4 2

**13**  
9 5  
**13**

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			



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

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

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

SOUTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for NORTH's 1

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opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. South must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2â™£.

When NORTH next says 2 NT SOUTH can jump to 4

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

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game, give yourself credit anyway.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6  
♥ Q 10  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ 10 8 4 3

<sup>15</sup>  
6 4  
<sub>15</sub>

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♥ by South			



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

♠ A 10 5 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ 10 9 8 7 5  
♣ 7 6

SOUTH bids 3♦ to show a strong hand with a singleton ♦.

After NORTH shows her first-round ♦ control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

♦ Y

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