

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 3 \\ & 14 \end{matrix}$$

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7



West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

North opens 1 ♥ and South responds 2 ♣.

Using standard bidding North would now jump to 3 NT to show his 19 points, but in 2/1 this is not necessary since the partnership must not stop bidding until game is reached. So North just bids 2 NT. South shows her minimum by bidding 3 NT.

North will now disclose his extra strength. He bids 4 NT. This is not Blackwood, but rather a quantitative raise in Notrump, and an invitation to slam.

South has 15 points, and they are good ones. She accepts the invitation and bids 6 NT.

There are 11 top tricks. A 3-3 ♥ split would provide the 12th winner, but this is against the odds. Better to try two ♠ finesses, a 75% chance.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4

8  
12 15  
5

West  
2 ♦  
4 ♠  
4 ♣ by East

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ K Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

East opens 1 ♠ and West responds 2 ♦. East has a pretty good hand, 17 points, but no stopping power in the minor suits. Also, East's ♠ suit is pretty ragged. Taking these points into consideration, East should just rebid his 6-card suit.

West should now jump to 4 ♠. This is Fast Arrival, indicating a minimum hand with no particular interest in slam.

East is happy to rest in the game contract.

Even with a combined 30 points, T tricks are certainly not a sure thing. East must hope that North holds the trump King.

**Deal 3**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3  
♥ J 7  
♦ K 9 7 5  
♣ K 5 3

**12**  
7 5  
**16**

♠ A J 10 6 2  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ Q J  
♣ 10 8 7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

North opens 1 ♠. South has a powerhouse, plenty strong enough to jump-shift. But playing 2/1 it's usually simpler when you make the 2/1 response, and save your jumping for later - if at all. So South bids just 2 ♥, knowing North must keep the bidding open.

North knows South has at least 5 ♥s, so his first priority is to agree on the trump suit. He bids 3 ♥.

South now makes the slam try. She knows North has at least three trumps, and all she wants to find out is how many Aces/Kings North holds. So she bids Blackwood and North confesses to two Aces.

Still hoping for the Grand, South bids 5 NT. Oops, North doesn't have any kings so South settles for a small slam.

This is a good slam, cold if West makes any opening lead other than a ♣. With a ♣ lead, South will have to pull trumps and play to discard a loser on the ♠T.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

8  
15 13  
4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

West opens 1 ♥ and East responds 2 ♦.

West has a good-looking hand, but needs to find a trump suit before she starts showing her extra strength, so she bids just 2 ♥.

Knowing that West holds 6 ♥s, East can support with the honor doubleton so he agrees the trump suit with a Fast Arrival bid of 4 ♥.

West has some extra strength, but not enough to push on after East's weak bid. Notice that if West DID try a 4 ♠ Control bid East would just bid 5 ♥ and the pair might be one trick too high.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

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

	N		E	
W				S

♠ 10 9 5  
 ♥ A 9 8 2  
 ♦ A 9 8  
 ♣ J 6 3

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

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

South opens 1 ♠. North has 11 points, enough to respond 2 ♥ in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1 NT.

South would love to pass 1 NT but is not permitted to do so. He has no good bid, so he must bid a 3-card suit. When holding two 3-card minors, usually bid ♣s. North now shows the ♥ suit that she could not bid first round.

South was forced to reply to 1 NT, but he is not forced to bid again. With his minimum hand and a tolerance for partner's suit he just passes and the partnership ends up in a reasonable contract.

This hand demonstrates one of the benefits of Forcing 1 NT. In standard bidding North's first response would be 2 ♥, and South would have to bid again, probably 2 NT. The partnership might go even higher but in any case would probably not reach a good contract.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2



♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 10 4

♦ 10 7 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

<sup>17</sup>  
6 3  
<sub>14</sub>

**Deal 7**      ♠ K 10  
South Deals    ♥ J 9 5 2  
Both Vul        ♦ 10 7 2  
                  ♣ A 5 3 2  
  
♠ Q 6 3        ♠ A J 8 7 5 2  
♥ Q 3            ♥ A K  
♦ A K J 9 4     ♦ Q 6  
♣ 9 6 4        ♣ J 8 7  
  
      8        ♠ 9 4  
  12 15    ♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
      5        ♦ 8 5 3  
      ♣ K Q 10



**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ K 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 7

♥ 10

♦ 10 8 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 2

**12**  
**7 5**  
**16**♠ K 5  
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A 4

**Deal 9**

North Deals

♠ K 10 7 5

E-W Vul

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

N  
W S E

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

8

15 13

4

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 9 5  
♥ A 9 8 2  
♦ A 9 8  
♣ J 6 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

9  
10 9  
12

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♦ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2



♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 10 4

♦ 10 7 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

<sup>17</sup>  
6 3  
<sub>14</sub>

**Deal 12**

West Deals  
N-S Vul  
  
♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4



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

8  
12 15  
5

**Deal 13**

North Deals	♠ A J 10 6 2
Both Vul	♥ A 6 2
	♦ Q J
	♣ 10 8 7
♠ 9 8 4 3	♠ Q 7
♥ J 7	♥ 10
♦ K 9 7 5	♦ 10 8 6 3 2
♣ K 5 3	♣ Q J 9 6 2
12 7 5 16	♠ K 5 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ A 4

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4



♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

8  
15 13  
4

**Deal 15**

South Deals      ♠ J  
N-S Vul      ♥ K Q J 7 5 3  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ Q 5 4  
♠ K 7 4 3      ♠ 10 9 5  
♥ 6      ♥ A 9 8 2  
♦ Q J 10 7      ♦ A 9 8  
♣ A 10 9 2      ♣ J 6 3  
  
      ♠ A Q 8 6 2  
      ♠ 9  
      ♠ 10 4  
      ♠ 12 9  
      ♠ K 6 5  
      ♠ K 8 7



**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 10 4

♦ 10 7 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

<sup>17</sup>  
**6 3**  
**14**

**Deal 17**

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

N  
W E  
S

8  
**12 15**  
5

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 10 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ K 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 7

♥ 10

♦ 10 8 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 2

♠ K 5

**12**  
7 5  
**16**

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4

**Deal 19**      ♠ K 10 7 5

South Deals      ♥ 8 4 2

E-W Vul      ♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

8

15

4

13

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

9  
10 9  
12

**Deal 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 10 4  
♦ 10 7 5  
♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

<sup>17</sup>  
**6 3**  
**14**

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

8  
**12    15**  
5

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ K Q 10

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 10 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ K 5 3

N  
W S E

♠ Q 7

♥ 10

♦ 10 8 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 2

12  
7 5  
16♠ K 5  
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A 4

**Deal 24**      ♠ K 10 7 5

West Deals      ♥ 8 4 2

None Vul      ♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

N  
W    E  
S

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

8

15

4

13

**Deal 25**

North Deals

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

E-W Vul

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

9  
10 9  
12

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

W N E S

♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 10 4

♦ 10 7 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

6 3  
17  
14

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4

N  
W E  
S

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

8  
12 15  
5

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ K Q 10

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 10 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ K 5 3

N  
W S E

♠ Q 7

♥ 10

♦ 10 8 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 2

12  
7 5  
16♠ K 5  
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A 4

**Deal 29**      ♠ K 10 7 5

North Deals      ♥ 8 4 2

Both Vul      ♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

8

15

4

13

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

9  
10 9  
12

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 10

♥ A K 9 8 5

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 10 4

♦ 10 7 5

♣ 9 8 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A K J 10 4

<sup>17</sup>  
**6 3**  
**14**

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A K J 9 4  
♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

8  
**12    15**  
5

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 8 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ K Q 10

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ J 7

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ K 5 3

N  
W S E

♠ Q 7

♥ 10

♦ 10 8 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 2

**12**  
**7 5**  
**16**♠ K 5  
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A 4

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 7 5

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

W N E S

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 10

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

8

15 13

4

♠ 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 10 9

♣ 10 9 6

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A 10 9 2

♠ 10 9 5

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ A 9 8

♣ J 6 3



♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 10 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

**9**  
**10**    **9**  
**12**