

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
8 7  
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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

N  
W E  
S

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

North

1 ♠

2 ♦

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

NORTH's 2

♠<sup>TM</sup>

bid is New Minor Forcing.

NORTH chose

♠<sup>TM</sup>

s rather than ♠<sup>TM</sup>s simply

because the

♠<sup>TM</sup>

s were stronger.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
10 6  
16

*West*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

3 ♥ by South

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



♠ K 5  
♥ A J 9 6 2  
♦ A K  
♣ J 8 5 2

*North*

2 ♥  
3 ♥

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

1 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three  $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$  losers.

SOUTH's 3 $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$  bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in  $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ s and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

 $\hat{\text{A}}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$ 

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**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

13  
6 7  
14

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

SOUTH's 3

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_1$ 

bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_1$ 

stopper.

The bid asks NORTH to further describe her hand.

NORTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_1$ 

s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

10  
10 8  
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ Q 9 6 5 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A Q

♣ Q 8 4



♠ 8 7

♥ A Q 5

♦ K 10 9 4 3

♣ K 10 7

North

1 ♠

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

2 NT

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit,  
cannot support SOUTH's

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

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

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

stopper.

So she bids  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ , New Minor Forcing,  
asking SOUTH to describe his hand  
further.

SOUTH doesn't have three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, nor does  
he have four

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

s.

But he does have

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

s stopped, so bids 2 NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.