

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
8 9  
9

♠ A K 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

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

SOUTH has four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

NORTH knows there is no 8-card fit in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s, but he does have

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

s

stopped. He bids 1 NT.

SOUTH has 9 points and with four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ s she goes back to that suit and NORTH passes.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
14 9  
6

West  
1 ♣  
2 ♠  
2 ♠ by East

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 8 5 4  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ J 8 4  
♣ 8 7 5

North  
1 ♥  
Pass

East  
1 ♠  
Pass

South  
Pass  
Pass

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

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

EAST has five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, this time so she bids  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

WEST knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, so he bids  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

EAST has 10 points so she passes.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 8 6  
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K 10 9 4

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

♠

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2♠.

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

happily pass.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 2

13  
12 6  
9

West

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by West

♠ A Q J 10 6

♥ 6

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ 8 7 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

3 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Compare this with Deal 8.

EAST has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

â™¥

raise if there had been no overcall.

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

â™¥

as a preemptive

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

WEST does know it and passes 3

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**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
12 4  
13

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by North

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



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

North  
1 ♠  
3 ♠  
Pass

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

East  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South  
2 ♦  
4 ♠

SOUTH has the strength for a raise to game in 2<sup>nd</sup> s, but this could be dangerous since NORTH

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

NORTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3<sup>rd</sup> and SOUTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall NORTH would have just returned to 2<sup>nd</sup> which SOUTH would pass.