

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5

♥ Q 10 2

♦ 7

♣ 6 3

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

♠ K 4  
♥ K J 5  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ K Q J 7 2

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West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

NORTH has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♦ instead.

SOUTH should respond 2♦, and NORTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

SOUTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♦

<b>Deal 2</b>	<b>♠ 10 5 2</b>	EAST is too weak to open 1		
East Deals	<b>♥ 8 6 2</b>	$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$		
None Vul	<b>♦ 10 4</b>	but just right for 2		
	<b>♣ A 9 7 6 3</b>	$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$		
<b>♠ K Q</b>	<b>♠ 7 6 4</b>	.		
<b>♥ Q J</b>	<b>♥ A K 9 7 4 3</b>	Wow! WEST has 21 HCP and two good		
<b>♦ A K Q 6 5</b>	<b>♦ 7 2</b>	s. Could this be time for a slam try?		
<b>♣ K J 4 2</b>	<b>♣ Q 5</b>	Nope, no slam here. Suppose EAST has		
	<b>♠ A J 9 8 3</b>	six		
	<b>♥ 10 5</b>			
<b>4 9</b>	<b>♦ J 9 8 3</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>♣ 10 8</b>			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
		<b>2 ♥</b>	Pass	$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$
<b>4 ♥</b>	Pass	Pass	Pass	
<b>4 ♥ by East</b>				

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

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then EAST couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So WEST just bids 4

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

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**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

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7    11  
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West

Pass  
2 ♥ by South

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

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♠ K 10 7 6 2  
♥ 10 5  
♦ A 10 7 3  
♣ A 10

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

North

Pass

East  
South  
2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are delusional.

**Deal 4**

East Deals	♠ 7 3 2
None Vul	♥ K 9 8
	♦ Q 7 6 3 2
	♣ A 4

♠ A Q J 10 6 5	♠ K 8 4		
♥ 7	♥ A Q 10 6 4 2		
♦ A 9 5	♦ 4		
♣ K J 3	♣ 9 6 5		
	♠ 9		
9	♥ J 5 3		
15 9	♦ K J 10 8		
7	♣ Q 10 8 7 2		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by West			

WEST expects to be better off in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 's than EAST would be in 2

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

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, EAST should make the  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid with

a hand this good. WEST then bids the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  game.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

NORTH has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

SOUTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH can bid 6

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with confidence.