

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♦ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7

16

6 9

9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH has good  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

NORTH cannot bid game yet, after all, SOUTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> bid in hopes that SOUTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

SOUTH comes through with 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

**10**  
**11**   **12**  
7

♠ A 10 4

♥ 10 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K J 10 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥ by East			Pass

EAST has a bare minimum 13 point hand,  
and he should open 1

â™¥

.

WEST has 11 points and good

â™¥

support so she jumps to 3

â™¥

.

EAST knows he has been invited to bid  
higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.

**Deal 3**

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

$\begin{matrix} & \text{N} \\ \text{W} & \text{E} \\ & \text{S} \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit 8 6 3 \\ \heartsuit \text{AKQ72} \\ \diamondsuit \text{K6} \\ \clubsuit \text{1095} \end{matrix}$		
$\begin{matrix} \text{11} \\ \text{10} \\ \text{12} \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \text{A 10 9 7 2} \\ \heartsuit \text{10 9} \\ \diamondsuit \text{Q J} \\ \clubsuit \text{8 6 4 3} \end{matrix}$		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	$1\heartsuit$
Pass	$3\heartsuit$	Pass	Pass
3 $\heartsuit$ by South			

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

â™¥

NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

â™¥

opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

â™¥

.

(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but SOUTH can add and he knows the total

**Deal 4**

West Deals	♠ A 5 4
None Vul	♥ 10 9 6
	♦ J 4
	♣ K Q 9 8 3
♠ K Q 10 7 3	♠ J 9 6 2
♥ A 4 2	♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 9 7 5	♦ 8 3
♣ A 6	♣ 10 7 4
	♠ 8
	♥ J 8 3
10 13 6 11	♦ A K Q 10 6 2
	♣ J 5 2



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

WEST has a normal 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

WEST passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. EAST can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

**Deal 5**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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



♠ K 6 4 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ K 3 2
♣ A 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

With a 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit and 16 points NORTH should open  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

SOUTH has 11 points and four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , a Limit Raise.

NORTH adds: her 16 plus SOUTH's 11/12 equals a game,  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
 11 16  
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

EAST has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal EAST will open 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

WEST has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?)  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

EAST adds the points and ignores the fact that his  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> suit is Jack high.

He bids 4 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.