

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 8 5

13
7 8
12

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ Q 7



♠ K 8
♥ J 10 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K J 6 2

North

1 ♠
2 ♥
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

2 ♣
3 ♦
Pass

North opens 1 ♠, his 5-card Major. South, with 14 points, responds 2 ♣, a 2/1 force to game.

North next bids 2 ♥, showing the other Major suit.

South assumes North to be 5-4 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She cannot bid 2 NT without a stopper in ♦s. So South bids the fourth suit, 3 ♦, telling North she knows she must make a bid, but can't find anything appropriate.

North now must find a bid. His choices include rebidding the 5-card ♠s, supporting South's ♣s with a doubleton Queen, or bidding 3 NT with the ♦ K 6 as a stopper. He chooses this last option. It appears that 3 NT is the best game for these two hands.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J

7
17 13
3

West
1 ♠
3 ♥
4 ♣
5 ♥
Pass
6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ K 4 3



♠ Q 8
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 6 5 2

North

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East

2 ♥
3 ♠
4 NT
6 ♥

South

Pass
Pass
Pass
ALL

West opens 1 ♠, her 5-card Major and East responds 2 ♥. West knows this is a 5-card suit, and bids 3 ♥, confirming the 8+card trump fit.

Once the trump fit is known, East revalues his hand to about 19 points. He makes a slam try with a control-showing bid of 3 ♠. He knows West won't take this as ♠ support since the partnership has agreed that ♥s are going to be trumps.

West now shows her control by bidding 4 ♣.

That was what East needed to hear; when Blackwood uncovers two Aces he bids 6 ♥.

The slam is a good one. If either the ♠ Q or ♣ K is right there are 12 tricks by

way of a finesse. But the best way to play the hand would be to try to establish a ♠ in the West hand, and if that fails try the ♣ finesse.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8 6

14
3 6
17

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 South			

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ A K J 10 4

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ 6 2
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ 5 3 2

♠ A J 10
♥ A K 9 8 5
♦ K 9 6
♣ Q 7



South opens 1 ♥ and North responds 2 ♣. Using standard bidding South 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 South just bids 2 NT. North shows her minimum by bidding 3 NT.

South 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.

North 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 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

5
15 12
8

♠ K 10
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

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

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

West is happy to rest in the game contract.

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