

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A K J 10 9

12
8 6
14

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J 10 8 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 4

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	S	

♠ K 4 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

North

1♥

4♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH's 2 NT bid is Jacoby, showing a game-forcing

♥

raise.

NORTH has a minimum opening hand with nothing extra to show, so signs off at 4

♥

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Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ A 9 7 4 3

13
4 8
15

West

♠ K 8 5 4
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K Q



♠ A J 10 9 6
♥ A 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ 10 5 2

North

♠ Q 3 2
♥ J 10
♦ K J 8 4 3
♣ J 8 6

East

South

Pass
Pass
Pass

2 NT
4 ♠

Pass
Pass

1 ♠
3 NT
Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH's 2 NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing ♠ raise.

SOUTH's 3 NT bid shows extra strength, a 5-card trump suit and no singleton/void. This is

definitely NOT a suggestion to play Notrump - the trump suit is already agreed as ♠s.

NORTH cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4♠ which SOUTH passes.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
 ♥ A 9 6 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ K 10 6

14
 7 6
 13

♠ A J 10 7 6 2

♥ K 10

♦ A J 6

♣ J 4



♠ K Q 5 3

♥ Q J 5

♦ K Q

♣ 9 7 3 2

♠ 4
 ♥ 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 10 5 3 2
 ♣ A Q 8 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Following SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT, NORTH bids 3♠. This is stronger than 4♠ and

shows a 6-card suit.

SOUTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4♠ which NORTH passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A K 8 6 4
 ♣ J 9 5 3 2

14
 8 4
 14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 9 6 5 2

♥ A 7 6

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q 8



♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7

North

2 NT

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♣

4 ♠

The 3♣ bid shows a singleton / void in ♣s.

NORTH doesn't have much strength above what she has already shown, but she takes advantage

of the bidding level to make a control-showing 3

♥

bid.

SOUTH is concerned about the

♦

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that NORTH doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4♠ and

NORTH passes.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 6 5 2

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 5

♣ Q 9 8

♠ 8

♥ 3 2

♦ K Q 8 6 4

♣ K 10 5 3 2



♠ 10

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 10 9 7 2

♣ A J 6 4

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7

13
8 5
14

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

This is the companion to Deal 4.

After SOUTH bids 3♣ to show shortage, NORTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

♦

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SOUTH no longer worries about losing two quick

♦

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6♠.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ J 4 3
♣ 8 5 4

17
4 5
14

♠ K Q
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ K Q 10 9 2



♠ A 5
♥ A J 10 9 6 2
♦ K Q 7
♣ 6 3

♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 3
♦ 10 8 6 5 2
♣ A J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH's 3

♥

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what NORTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

♥

if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

♥

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

♥

if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

Deal 7

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 9 7 6 3

17
4 4
15

♠ A Q 10 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

♠ —
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A 10 7 6 4 2
♣ 8 4 2

♠ K J 9 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q 10

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH indicates an above normal opening with five ♠s by her 3 NT rebid.

SOUTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

♥

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Despite both partners showing extra strength North merely signs off at 4♠. Why? Because SOUTH's

Control bid of 4

♥

denied first-round control in both ♣s and

♦

s. NORTH realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ 6 5 3 2
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ A 10 7 5 3

15
 5 8
 12

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ A Q 8 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 2



♠ K Q J 8 5
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ 8 4

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

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

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4 ♠.

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ A J 10

♣ 6 3 2

13
6 9
12

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 5

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	S	

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

♠ K 3

♥ 5

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 4♣ is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

♥

s and a singleton or void in ♣s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's ♣ shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

♥

game.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

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

13
 4 8
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

SOUTH bids 3♠ to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either ♣s,

♦

s

or

♥

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

Deal 11

North Deals

None Vul

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

14
 4 6
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ K Q
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6



♠ A 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ 7 2

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

NORTH's 3



bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Deal 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ Q 9 7 5
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

16
 2 6
 16

♠ K 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 8 3



♠ A Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 ♣ and 4

♥

are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

♦

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 8 3 2

13
6 7
14

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5



♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ 10 7

SOUTH's 3♠ bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the ♠ shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one ♠ loser anyway. She signs off in 4

♥

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Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

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



13
8 5
14

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K Q 9 4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by North			

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

NORTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time SOUTH's ♠ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4♣

to show her Control, and after SOUTH shows the

♦

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure SOUTH also has the trump Ace.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K Q 6
♣ A 8 4 2

13
9 5
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 10 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3



♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J 10 6 5

North

1 ♥

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♥

SOUTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for NORTH's 1

♥

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2 NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. South must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 ♣.

When NORTH next says 2 NT SOUTH can jump to 4

♥

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NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2 NT and reached the 4

♥

game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ Q 10

♦ A 4 3

♣ 10 8 4 3

15
6 4
15

♠ K Q J

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A J 9 2

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	S	

♠ 3

♥ K J 9 6 5 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q 5

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥ by South

SOUTH bids 3♠ to show a strong hand with a singleton ♠.

After NORTH shows her first-round ♣ control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

♥

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Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 10 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ A 9 4 3

12
8 7
13

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 8 6 5



♠ A Q 9

♥ Q J 8 3

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ J 2

♠ K 10 8 7 5

♥ 6 5

♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 10 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

NORTH bids 4♣ after SOUTH's Jacoby 2 NT. The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card ♣ suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

♥

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

♦

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the ♠A, so he just bids 4

♥

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Deal 18

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ J 10 8 7 3



♠ —
♥ Q 10 6 3 2
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ K 9 5 2

11
5 7
17

♠ A K 9 7 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 5
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2 NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

SOUTH has more than enough strength to bid game after NORTH's limit raise. If NORTH had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2 NT response, SOUTH would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 4 5
 15

♠ K Q 9 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♣ Q J



♠ J 10 8 6 3
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ K 5

♠ —
 ♥ 9 6 5 3 2
 ♦ J 6 5 4
 ♣ A 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♠ by North			

NORTH bids 3 NT to show a good hand with five ♠s.

SOUTH shows his

♦

control, and NORTH then shows her

♥

control.

A final check with Blackwood shows two Aces missing. Too bad.

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

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

15
 4 5
 16

♠ K J 9 6

♥ K Q 9 8

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 5



♠ A Q 8 7 5 2

♥ A 3

♦ J 6 2

♣ K Q

♠ —

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ J 8 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

SOUTH shows his 6-card ♠ suit by bidding 3♠.

NORTH shows her ♣ control and SOUTH shows his

♥

control,

but it seems neither has a control in

♦

s.

So they stop in game.

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ 10 8 2
♦ 10 8 5 4 2
♣ A 10

15
4 4
17

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

♠ K J 8 4
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ 7

W N
S E

♠ A Q 9 6 3
♥ Q J 7 5
♦ K Q
♣ Q J

♠ 2
♥ 6
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 9 8 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH might just use Jacoby 2 NT since he has great

♥

support and

more than 13 points. But, he has so much more than 13 points that he should inform partner by

making a jump-shift. He plans to return to

♥

s later.

NORTH has different plans. Knowing partner has five ♠s and 17 or more points she pushes

straight to the ♠ slam.

It didn't matter, slam is cold in either Major.

Deal 22

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ A K 8 2
♣ K 8

♠ 5 4 2
♥ K J 10 7
♦ 7 4
♣ 10 7 4 2



♠ 10
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ Q J 10 9 6 5
♣ J 5

17
4 6
13

♠ A Q J 8 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 3
♣ A Q 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 ♠	ALL	Pass
7 ♠ by South			

Deal 23

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 10 6 3
♣ K J 7 3 2

16
4 7
13

♠ A 9 5
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ A Q
♣ 9 6 4



♠ K Q J
♥ A 10 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5 4
♣ 8

♠ 10 7 6 4 3
♥ 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ A Q 10 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

SOUTH bids 4♣, showing



support, 13+ points and a singleton

or void in ♣s.

NORTH first shows her



A, then, when SOUTH signs off,

makes one more try by showing her ♠A.

SOUTH finally gets inspired and bids the slam.

Deal 24

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 5 3

♥ A 6

♦ K J 7 2

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 10 8 4

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 9 3

♣ K Q 10 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ —

♥ 9 8 7 4 3

♦ Q 6 5 4

♣ A J 6 2

♠ K Q 9 7 6 2

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A 8

♣ 5

13
5 7
15

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

NORTH has a very minimum 2 NT bid, but when SOUTH shows ♣ shortness she can Control-bid

her

♥

A without showing extra values.

SOUTH's hand became huge when he heard about NORTH's

♥

A.

When Blackwood shows they hold three Aces he bids what he expects to be a comfortable slam.