

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2	♦ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 4	♥ Q 10 2
♦ A K 8 3	♦ 7
♣ 10 8 4	♣ 6 3

W	N	E	S
♠ K 4	♠ 10 8	♦ A 6 3	♦ Q J 10 6 5
♥ K J 5	♦ 9 4 2	♣ A 9 5	
♦ 9 4 2	♣ K Q J 7 2		

9	♦ K 4
7	♥ K J 5
13	♦ 9 4 2
	♣ K Q J 7 2

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

NORTH has a 7-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ instead.

SOUTH should respond $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathfrak{L}$, and NORTH can do nothing but rebid the \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

SOUTH thinks there should be game and bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

Deal 2	♠ K Q	SOUTH is too weak to open 1		
South Deals	♥ Q J	â™¥		
None Vul	♦ A K Q 6 5			
	♣ K J 4 2			
♠ A J 9 8 3	♠ 10 5 2	but just right for 2		
♥ 10 5	♥ 8 6 2			
♦ J 9 8 3	♦ 10 4			
♣ 10 8	♣ A 9 7 6 3			
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	♠ 7 6 4			
	♥ A K 9 7 4 3	Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good		
21 6 4 9	♦ 7 2			
	♣ Q 5			
West	North	East	South	â™¥
			2 ♥	
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass	s. Could this be time for a slam try?
Pass				Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has
4 ♥ by South				six
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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

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

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

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Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

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

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

West North East South
 2 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass
2 ♥ by North

SOUTH really hates that 2

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opening by NORTH.

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

North Deals
None Vul

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

SOUTH expects to be better off in \hat{a}^{TM} s than NORTH 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, NORTH should make the $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ bid with

a hand this good. SOUTH then bids the \hat{a}^{TM} game.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6	♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4
♦ 6 3 2	♣ 8 4
♠ Q J 9 3	♥ 9
♦ 8 7	♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

6	7	7	20
♠ 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.