

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

4  
 9 10  
 17

♠ A 6 3

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4 3

♣ 9 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ Q 9 5

♥ A Q 10

♦ J 2

♣ J 10 7 6 4

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

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

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♦.

NORTH still has a terrible hand, and passes again. You need at least 6 points to respond to

an opening one bid.

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ 10 9 6 3
None Vul	♥ K Q 4
	♦ 9 6 4 2
	♣ A 7

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

SOUTH 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>.

NORTH 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>

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

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

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

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**11**  
**7 10**  
**12**

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

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 4  
♥ 10 3  
♦ Q 10 3  
♣ K J 10 7 2

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

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

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.

**Deal 4**

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

$\begin{matrix} & 11 \\ 10 & 7 \\ & 12 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit 8 6 3 \\ \heartsuit \text{AKQ72} \\ \diamondsuit \text{K6} \\ \clubsuit \text{1095} \end{matrix}$
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West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♥ by South			

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

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

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

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

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
10 11  
13

West

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 10 7 4



♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass  
2 ♠ by South

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

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

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

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.