

Deal 1

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

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



♠ 6 2
♦ A Q J 3
♦ J 8 4
♣ J 9 8 2

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 NT by North			

SOUTH should pass.

SOUTH has 9 points a a

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suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1â™ overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

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s, she has â™ s and

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s, so she bids 1 NT to show

her â™ stopper and a minimum opener.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 8 6

♣ K 10 4

♠ 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 3 2

♣ A Q J 6 5 3



♠ J 10 8

♥ A K Q 10 5 2

♦ J 5 4

♣ 7

♠ A K 6 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 10 9 7

♣ 9 8 2

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 9 11
 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass
2 ♠ by South

With five ♠'s SOUTH bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

NORTH knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three ♠'s.

SOUTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2♦.

Deal 3

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



13	♠ K 9 6 2
1 13	♥ A Q 5 3
13	♦ 8 4
	♣ A 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	2 ♣	Dbl
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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first, (up-the-line).

After EAST's overcall, SOUTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

NORTH bids 2

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, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by NORTH, showing extra strength. She is not really bidding

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s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

SOUTH has 13 points so he bids 4

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Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ A Q 10 5 2
 ♦ 9 7 3
 ♣ A Q 9 2

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♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ 10 9 4 3
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ K 5 4 2
 ♣ 7 4

♠ Q J 7 5
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ K J 10

West North East South
 1 ♥ Dbl 2 ♥ 1 ♦
 Pass Pass Pass 2 ♠
 2 ♠ by South

NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

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overcall

to show exactly four â™ s.

SOUTH also has four â™ s so he bids 2â™ at his turn to show a minimum.

NORTH is happy to pass.