

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
**5 7**  
**14**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9 5 3  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ Q 10 7 5

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

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

With two 4-card Majors SOUTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$

s first.

Then, after NORTH bids  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , SOUTH has enough points to jump all the way to  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

11	♠ K Q 10 8 4
5 8	♥ A 7
16	♦ K Q 5
	♣ Q 10 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	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 excellent  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>, which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Deal 3**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

**21**  
 6 8  
 5

♠ A K 6  
 ♥ A J 9  
 ♦ A J 2  
 ♣ A 8 5 2

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

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

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

3 NT by North

NORTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2 NT (20-21 points).

SOUTH adds her 6 points to NORTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$

suit to be useful to SOUTH in Notrump so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
9    10  
8

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

N  
W   E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
1 NT by South			

NORTH has a solid 1

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opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level.  
So he bids 1 NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8	♦ A K Q 10 6 2	♥ J 8 3	♣ J 5 2
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13	11	10	6
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by North			

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

♠ J 9 6 2	♦ K Q 7 5	♥ 8 3	♣ 10 7 4
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NORTH has a normal 1<sup>TM</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2<sup>TM</sup>,

passed by NORTH.

SOUTH does not consider showing the

4<sup>TM</sup>

s,

first because she knows there is a <sup>TM</sup> fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.