

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 10 4 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A K J 3 2
♣ 10 8 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

1TM

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

1TM

1TM.

NORTH has 1TMs so she bids 1TM, showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the 1TM fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ A 10 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ Q 8 2

3
 13 14
 10

West

Dbl

3 NT

3 NT by East

North

Pass

Pass

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



♠ J 8
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 4 3 2
 ♣ A 9 6 3

*North**East*

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

South

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

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

s and \hat{a}^{TM} s. Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

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

EAST doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

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

stopper he bids 1 NT.

WEST happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 9 4 3 2

♦ J 10

♣ J 9 8

13
5 9
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

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♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1â™.

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2â™ and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

11
 13 15
 1

West

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ Q 8 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ J 9



♠ J 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 10 5 4 2

♣ 10 6 4 3 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2

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in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

WEST doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

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s, so

he bids 2 NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to

3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 10 7 3 2
♣ 8 3

19
5 9
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A K 6

♣ A Q 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 6

♥ A 9 6 4 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K 6 2

North

1 ♣

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ A Q J 7 5

♥ 10 3

♦ J 9 5

♣ J 9 7

SOUTH would have responded 1

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if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

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s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

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and NORTH would have jumped to game.