

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
5 8  
13

♠ A Q J 7 4 3  
♥ K Q J 5  
♦ J 3  
♣ 7



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by North			

This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids 3<sup>TM</sup>£ to show shortage, SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

â<sup>TM</sup>!

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NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

â<sup>TM</sup>!

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q 10 9 2

5  
17 14  
4

*West*

2 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 9 7 4

♥ 3

♦ 10 8 6 5 2

♣ A J 7

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ J 4 3

♣ 8 5 4

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♥

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST's 3

♠

rebid shows better than average strength  
and six trumps.

Just what WEST was hoping for. She bids  
Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

♠

if EAST has three Aces, bid 6

♠

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

♠

if he has just one. If East has no Aces WEST will get a new partner.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

15  
4 4  
17

♠ A Q 10 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

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

SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five ♠s by her 3 NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

♠

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Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs of at 4♠. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

♠

denied first-round control in both ♠s and

♠

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 12 15  
 8

*West*

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ 9

♥ 6 5 3 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ A 10 7 5 3

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 10 4 2

♥ 10 9

♦ A K 10 3 2

♣ J 9 6

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

2 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

WEST has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after EAST's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4<sup>th</sup>.

EAST would have cooperated if WEST had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.