

Deal 1

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

♠ A K J 5 3	♦ 10 7 2	♣ 7 4 3
♥ J 10		
♦ 10 7 2		
♣ 7 4 3		

16 9 8 7	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q 7 6 3 ♦ A J 4 ♣ 9 8 5
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♠ Q 8	♦ 9 8
♦ K Q 9 6 3	♣ J 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♥ by North			

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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SOUTH, with 7 points and four trumps raises to 2

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NORTH has a mid-range hand, good enough to invite SOUTH to bid the game.

Too bad, but SOUTH is too weak to accept any invitations.

Deal 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 3
 ♣ 9 2

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

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♠ K J 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q

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

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

1 ♠ by East

WEST has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

EAST, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1 \hat{a} TM.

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

an opening one bid.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ A 10 8 7 3 ♣ K Q	 ♠ A ♥ J 9 8 5 3 ♦ J ♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2
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♠ K Q J 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ J 8 6	9 9 6 16
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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} TM.

NORTH has good \hat{a} TM support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton \hat{a} TM£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2 \hat{a} TM

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

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

NORTH comes through with 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

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

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12 11
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♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 10 4
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K J 10 7 2

West North East South
1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass
3 ♥ by West

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

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EAST has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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WEST knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.