

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
8 9  
16

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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

N  
W E  
S

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

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

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

SOUTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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NORTH, with 7 points and four trumps  
raises to 2

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

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

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

4  
9 10  
17

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 ♠ by South

NORTH has a terrible hand, and naturally passes.

SOUTH, however, has a nice 18 points and opens 1♠<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH 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

9  
9 6  
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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



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

♠ A  
♥ J 9 8 5 3  
♦ J  
♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1<sup>♠</sup>.

NORTH has good <sup>♠</sup> support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton <sup>♠</sup>£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2<sup>♠</sup>

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

continue with a 3<sup>♠</sup> bid in hopes that NORTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

NORTH comes through with 4<sup>♠</sup>.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ A 7

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ 9 6 4

11  
7 10  
12

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 9 6 4

♦ K 6 2

♣ A Q 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 6

♥ K J 8 5 2

♦ A 7 4

♣ 8 5

North

3 ♥

East

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

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

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NORTH has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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SOUTH knows he has been invited to bid higher, but with nothing above minimum he must pass.