

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ A K 6 2
None Vul	♥ 9 3
	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ Q 9 8 2

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



9	♠ 10 9 7
8	♥ K 8 7
14	♦ A K 6

♣ K J 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 ♣ by South			

NORTH has four a™s, so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card fit in a™s, but he does have

a™Y

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stopped. He bids 1 NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four a™s she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

**Deal 2**

North Deals	♠ Q 9 7
None Vul	♥ J 8 7
	♦ A K 6
	♣ K J 10 4
♠ J 8 5 4	♠ 10
♥ A 6 2	♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ J 8 4	♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ 8 7 5	♣ A 6 3



♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five ♠'s, this time so she bids 1♦.

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in ♠'s, so he bids 2♦.

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

**Deal 3**

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ K Q 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ K J 10 8 6	♠ Q 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A 10 5 3	♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ Q 6 3
	♠ A 5 2
	♥ A Q 10 9 3
	♦ 9 7
	♣ A J 2



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

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

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s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2â™.

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

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If NORTH had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should

happily pass.

**Deal 4**

East Deals	♠ 9 7
None Vul	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ 10 8 6
	♣ K 10 9 4
♠ A Q J 10 6	♠ K 4 3
♥ 6	♥ J 5 2
♦ A Q 5 3	♦ K J 4 2
♣ 8 7 5	♣ J 6 3



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

Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

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raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the â™ bid,  
NORTH can jump to 3

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as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

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**Deal 5**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 5  
 ♥ Q 8 5 2  
 ♦ J 10 5 4  
 ♣ 9 6

<sup>13</sup>  
4    12  
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West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠'s, but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♦ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♦ which NORTH would pass.