

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

4	♠ A 5
11 8	♥ K Q 10 9 7
17	♦ K Q 6
	♣ Q J 4

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♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥

1 ♥ by South

SOUTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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NORTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But NORTH only

has 4 points which is not strong enough to respond. So NORTH passes.

**Deal 2**

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

6	7	11
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N		
W	E	
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♠ A 10 3	♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A J 10 9	♣ 10 6

♠ Q J 9 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J

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

now bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  - but with 7 she passes.

SOUTH has 17 points counting 1 extra for the fifth  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ . This is a middle-range hand with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s.

So he opens 1 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

NORTH only has 7 points, 6 in high cards and one more for the doubleton

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But she does have three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s, so she can respond 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

Since SOUTH is middle-range, he makes one more try by bidding 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

If NORTH had 9 or 10 points she would

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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9 12  
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass

2 ♠ by South

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

♠ 8  
W N E  
S ♠ A 5 2  
♦ K Q 8 5 3  
♣ K 10 7 2

♠ A J 9 6 4 2

♥ 8 3  
♦ A 6

♣ Q 5 4

With 8 points, NORTH is not strong enough to open the bidding.

SOUTH has 13 points, barely meeting the minimum for a 1-opening. Note that the fifth and

sixth ♠ each added 1 point to his count. He opens 1♦.

Although NORTH passed originally, she must respond to SOUTH's opening bid. Since she has

three ♠s she raises to 2♦.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8	9	8	15
♠ A K	♥ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ K Q 3	♣ 7 5

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



SOUTH has 17 points and six

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This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

With 9 points, (1 for the doubleton), NORTH raises to 2

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SOUTH's hand is worth one more try. He invites with 3

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NORTH had a strong 2

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raise, considering that she might

have only had 6 points. So she carries on to 4

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