

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

17
8 11
4

West

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 8 6 5

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ 10 8
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A K 9 2

NORTH has 18 points and a 5-card

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suit. This is a good hand

to open 1

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SOUTH has three

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s which is adequate support. But SOUTH only

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

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 2

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 3 2

11
6 16
7

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠ by East

♠ A 10 3

♥ Q 8 6 2

♦ A J 10 9

♣ 10 6

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♠ 7 5

♥ J 10 7

♦ Q 5 3 2

♣ A 7 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

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

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

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

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

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

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

If WEST had 9 or 10 points she would

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

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 7
♣ A 9 6 3

8
9 12
11

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 7 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ J 8



♠ A J 9 6 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A 6
♣ Q 5 4

North

Pass

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

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 \hat{a}^{TM} each added 1 point to his count. He opens $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

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

three \hat{a}^{TM} s she raises to $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

In light of NORTH's weak response SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K

♥ Q J 8 6 4 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 5

9
15 8
8

West

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ A 9

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 10 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 3

♦ J 10 9 6 5

♣ K Q 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has 17 points and six

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s.

This is a mid-range 1

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opening bid.

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

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WEST's hand is worth one more try. He

invites with 3

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EAST 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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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 9 8
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A K Q



♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ Q 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ 9 8 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH opens 1

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with 17 points and five

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s.

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.