

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7  
 ♥ 10 9 7  
 ♦ Q 6 3  
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 3

19  
 3 6  
 12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 9

♥ A K J 6 5

♦ A 10 5

♣ A 7 6



♠ Q 8 2

♥ Q 8 4 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ K Q 2

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 20 points, a pretty strong hand to open 1

♠

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SOUTH has 12 points, and makes a Limit Raise, a jump to 3

♠

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NORTH is very, very close to bidding a slam. But she knows SOUTH has 12 points at most, so she should

take the safe position and just bid 4

♠

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**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

11  
7 12  
10

♠ K
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 7
♣ 8 7 4 3

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

WEST passes to start with since he only has 9 points.

EAST naturally opens 1<sup>♠</sup> with her 13 point, 5-card <sup>♠</sup> suit hand.

WEST might now make a Limit Raise since his hand is now worth 11 points because of the

two doubletons. However, with six trumps he should jump all the way to 4<sup>♠</sup>.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
 9 7  
 18

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ 8 6

♣ Q 7 6 3

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A Q 9 7 5 3

♥ Q 7

♦ A K 3

♣ K 2

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

SOUTH has 20 points, counting two extra for the fifth and sixth  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s.

Naturally she opens 1 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .

NORTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. He has four of partner's  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s

so he responds 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .

SOUTH

KNOWS

that  $6 + 20 = 26$ , so she

GOES

to 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 19 6  
 7

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

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



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

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has 20 points, but with a 5-card  
 Major opens 1

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

rather than 2 NT.

EAST barely has enough points for a  
 response, but she does have four

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

s.

So she responds 2

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

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WEST adds EAST's 6 to his 20 and bids the game, 4

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

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