

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 4
 ♦ A K 8 3
 ♣ 10 8 4

9
 7 11
 13

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6 3



♠ K 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH has a 7-card ♠ suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1♠ instead.

SOUTH should respond 2♣, and NORTH can do nothing but rebid the ♠ suit.

SOUTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ A K Q 6 5
 ♣ K J 4 2

4
 21 9
 6

West

4 ♥
 4 ♥ by East

♠ 10 5 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 10 4

♣ A 9 7 6 3

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♠ A J 9 8 3

♥ 10 5

♦ J 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

North

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST is too weak to open 1

♠™

but just right for 2

♠™

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Wow! WEST has 21 HCP and two good

♠™

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose EAST has
 six

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s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then EAST couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or
 he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So WEST just bids 4

♠™

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Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

15
 7 11
 7

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

NORTH really hates that 2

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opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and
 probably making matters worse, so she
 grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3 NT has a chance you are
 delusional.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2

♥ K 9 8

♦ Q 7 6 3 2

♣ A 4

♠ A Q J 10 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3



♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q 10 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

♠ 9

♥ J 5 3

♦ K J 10 8

♣ Q 10 8 7 2

9
15 9
7

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by West

WEST expects to be better off in 3♠ than EAST would be in 2

3♠

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Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, EAST should make the 3♠ bid with

a hand this good. WEST then bids the 3♠ game.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6♥ by North			

NORTH has a pretty normal 3

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opening bid.

SOUTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH can bid 6

♠™

with confidence.