

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 5 4  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ A 5

♥ A J 10 9 6 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ 6 3

N  
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 S

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q 10 9 2

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

NORTH's 3

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rebid shows better than average strength  
 and six trumps.

Just what SOUTH was hoping for. She  
 bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

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if NORTH has three Aces, bid 6

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if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

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if he has just one. If North has no Aces SOUTH will get a new partner.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 7 2  
 ♥ A 9 5  
 ♦ Q 5  
 ♣ K Q 10

♠ 8 5 3

♥ 10 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ A 9 7 6 3



♠ A Q 10 6 4  
 ♥ K Q J 7  
 ♦ K J  
 ♣ J 5

♠ —

♥ 8 6 4 2

♦ A 10 7 6 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

4  
 15 17  
 4

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

EAST indicates an above normal opening with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s by her 3 NT rebid.

WEST also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

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

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Despite both partners showing extra strength East merely signs of at 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ . Why? Because WEST's

Control bid of 4

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

denied first-round control in both  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£s}$  and

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

s. EAST realized she was off two Aces.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 5 8  
 12

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



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

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

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

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2 NT bid he merely signs off at 4<sup>th</sup> .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
13 12  
6

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by West			

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



♠ J 10 9 2  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ A J 10  
♣ 6 3 2

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ Q J 10 7  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ 4

EAST's 4<sup>♠</sup> is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

<sup>♠</sup>

s and a singleton or void in <sup>♠</sup>s.

WEST is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about EAST's <sup>♠</sup> shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

<sup>♠</sup>

game.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 8 4  
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ Q J 7

♦ J 2

♣ K Q



♠ K J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ J 8 3

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

NORTH bids 3<sup>♠</sup> to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

SOUTH's failure to make a Control bid in either <sup>♠</sup> or <sup>♥</sup>,

<sup>♠</sup> or

<sup>♥</sup>

or

<sup>♠</sup> or

<sup>♥</sup>, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So NORTH settles for game.