

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7 6 4

♥ 4 2

♦ Q J 5

♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q

♥ A J T 9 7 6

♦ 9 7

♣ A 9 6

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| | N | |
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| | S | |

♠ 5 2

♥ 5

♦ T 8 6 3 2

♣ K Q J 8 5

♠ A 9 8 3

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 7 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | 1♥ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |

6♥ by North

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NORTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3

♠ T 5
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ A T 7 5 4
♣ 9 5

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♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 2

♠ J 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ T 7 6 4

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| | | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

6 ♠ by West

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EAST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

WEST knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain EAST holds the trump Ace.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 2
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ 3

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ A J T 2

♣ K Q 9 4

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K Q J
 ♥ K Q J 8 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ J 6 5

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ T 6
 ♦ Q 7 5 3
 ♣ T 8 2

| West | North | East | South | . |
|----------|-------|------|-------|---|
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♥ | |
| All Pass | | | | |

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 13

NORTH's 3 bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

SOUTH has just 14 points and the shortness in NORTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one loser anyway. She signs off in 4

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 6 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ K 4

♣ A 6 5

♠ K Q J 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 8 7 3 2



♠ A T 9 8

♥ T 7 6

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ J T

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| 1♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6♥ | All Pass | | |

6♥ by West

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This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

WEST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time EAST's shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4

to show her Control, and after EAST shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure EAST also has the trump Ace.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ 9 8 2

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J T 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

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♠ T 8 6 4 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K T 9
♣ A 7 4

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J T 6 5

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|----------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

4♥ by South

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SOUTH has 13 points and good 3-card support for NORTH's 1

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. South must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 .

When NORTH next says 2NT SOUTH can jump to 4

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2NT and reached the 4

game, give yourself credit anyway.