

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ K T 8 7
♣ A J 5 4

♠ K 9 6 5 2

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 5

♣ Q 9 8



♠ A Q J 7 4 3
♥ K Q J 5
♦ J 3
♣ 7

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This is the companion to Deal 4.

After SOUTH bids 3 to show shortage, NORTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

SOUTH no longer worries about losing two quick

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

6 ♠ by South

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 5 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ K Q

♥ K 8 7 5

♦ A 9

♣ K Q T 9 2

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♠ J 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ J T 8 6 3 2

♣ J 7 4

♠ A 5

♥ A J T 9 6 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ 6 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |

Pass 6♥ All Pass

6♥ by North

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SOUTH's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

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

if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A T 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

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

♠ 5
♥ T 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 7 6 3 2

♠ A Q T 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ |

All Pass

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SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five by her 3NT rebid.

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

Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 9 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 6 5

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2

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

♠ -
♥ 6 5
♦ K J T 7 3 2
♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

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

to initiate the investigation herself.