

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 5 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 5 3

♦ J

♣ 10 9 5 4 3 2



♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♣ K Q

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ A 7

16
6 9
9

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

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

NORTH has 17 points and might open 1 NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1[♠].

SOUTH has good [♠] support and 10 points, counting 1 for the doubleton [♠]£.

It is easily worth a raise to 2[♠]

NORTH cannot bid game yet, after all, SOUTH could have as few as 6 points. But she can

continue with a 3[♠] bid in hopes that SOUTH actually has 9 or 10 points.

SOUTH comes through with 4[♠].

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ Q 9 6 4
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ A Q 3

10
 11 12
 7

West

3 ♥
 3 ♥ by East

♠ A 10 4

♥ 10 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K J 10 7 2



♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ A 7

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ 9 6 4

North

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a bare minimum 13 point hand,
 and he should open 1

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WEST has 11 points and good

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support so she jumps to 3

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EAST knows he has been invited to bid
 higher, but with nothing above minimum

he must pass.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 7 5 4 2
♣ A K 2

11
10 7
12

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ Q J
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ Q J 7



♠ 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 5

North

Pass

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q J
♣ 8 6 4 3

NORTH has 11 points and she should pass.

SOUTH has a minimum 1

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opening, 13 points and five trumps.

NORTH, with 4-card trump support, jumps to 3

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(This is called a Limit Raise.)

A Limit Raise is an invitational bid, but SOUTH can add and he knows the total

points will

be either 24 or 25. So he passes 3

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Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

10
13 6
11

West

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠ by West

♠ A 5 4

♥ 10 9 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 9 8 3

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♠ 8

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q 10 6 2

♣ J 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

South

Pass

WEST has a normal 1♠TM opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2♠TM.

WEST passes, knowing he is not missing a game contract. EAST can have a maximum of 10 points, which would

only reach 24 points when added to his 14.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ K Q 10 8 5

15
 7 7
 11

♠ A Q 7 5 3
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A 8 7 6
 ♣ 9 4



♠ K 6 4 2
 ♥ J 8 5
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ A 6 2

♠ 10
 ♥ A 7 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 9 4
 ♣ J 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 16 points NORTH should open 1♠.

SOUTH has 11 points and four ♠s. So even though he has a balanced hand,

he jumps to 3♠, a Limit Raise.

NORTH adds: her 16 plus SOUTH's 11/12 equals a game, 4♠.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q 7
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ Q 9 5

5
11 16
8

West

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 5
♥ K 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ 10 6 2

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W E
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♠ 9 3 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ J 7 3
♣ A 8 7 4

North

Pass

Pass

♠ J 10 8 6 4
♥ A 6
♦ A K 6
♣ K J 3

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has the type of 5-card Major hand that many players would open 1 NT.

He has 17 points with most of them OUTSIDE the Major suit. But, many others

would disagree so for this Deal EAST will open 1st .

WEST has 11 points and excellent (is that strong enough?) st support.

So she naturally makes a Limit Raise of 3rd .

EAST adds the points and ignores the fact that his st suit is Jack high.

He bids 4th .