

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
8 11  
8

*West*

Pass  
2 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 2  
♥ K 9 7 5  
♦ K Q 2  
♣ Q 5 3



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

*North*

Pass

*East*

Pass

*South*

2 ♠

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2<sup>♠</sup>.

NORTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ 10 4  
♦ 10 5 3  
♣ K Q 9 8 6

18  
5 9  
8

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 2  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ A 7 2  
♣ A 5 3



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

*North*

4 ♠

*East*

Pass

*South*

2 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2<sup>♠</sup>™.

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game. Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. They will probably make just ten tricks.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

9  
 10 13  
 8

West

Pass

Pass

4♠ by South

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4

North

4♠

East

Pass

South

2♠

Pass

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4♠ anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

♠

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4♠ bid will shut him out, and 4♠ probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ 10 7 4

♣ K 6 5

15  
8 11  
6

West

Pass

3♦ by South

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 8 3

N  
W E  
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♠ 4 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2

♣ 9 7

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

3♦

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

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bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening  
1 NT bid and will be very tempted to bid  
3 NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster,  
particularly if NORTH is unable to reach  
the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win  
six tricks if

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s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K  
 ♥ 10 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10 9 8  
 ♣ Q J 10 5 2

16  
 8 10  
 6

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by South

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7



♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

North

4♥

East

Pass

South

3♥

Pass

Here NORTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

NORTH assumes that SOUTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
11 7  
9

*West*

♠ K 4  
♥ K J 5  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ K Q J 7 2



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

*North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

So he opens 1♠ instead.

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

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4♠