

**Deal 1**

	♠ K Q		
North Deals	♥ A J 10 9 7 6		
None Vul	♦ 9 7		
	♣ A 9 6		
♠ 10 2		♠ J 7 6 5 4	
♥ 5 4 2		♥ —	
♦ 10 6 5		♦ Q J 8 3 2	
♣ K J 8 4 3		♣ Q 10 5	
	♠ A 9 8 3		
14	♥ K Q 8 3		
4 6	♦ A K 4		
16	♣ 7 2		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

NORTH's 3

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bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

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

**Deal 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
 ♥ Q 9 7 5  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

**16**  
**2 6**  
**16**

	N		J
W		E	
	S		

♠ K 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 8 3  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ A K 8 3

♠ J

♥ 10 6 2

♦ A J 10 7 6 4 3

♣ 10 6

♠ A Q 9 8 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4â™£ and 4

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are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

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A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 4 2  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ A 8 3 2

**13**  
6 7  
**14**

West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♥      Pass      3 ♠  
Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass  
4 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 6 5

N  
W     E  
S

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

♠ 3  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ A J 10 2  
♣ K Q 9 4

SOUTH's 3â™ 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.

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

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

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**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 5 2  
 ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ Q 7 6 3  
 ♣ 8 3 2

**14**  
 5 8  
**13**

♠ 3  
 ♥ A 9 5 3  
 ♦ A J 10 2  
 ♣ K Q 9 4

♠ A K 10 9 8  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ 9 8 5  
 ♣ J 10 7

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 6 4  
 ♥ K Q J 8 4  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ A 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
			1 ♥	â™!
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	A she
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.
Pass	Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by South				

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

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

This time NORTH's â™ shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4â™£

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

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A she

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

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ A 8 4 2

**13**  
9 5  
**13**

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

N  
W S E

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

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

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

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

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opening bid.

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

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2â™£.

When NORTH next says 2 NT SOUTH can jump to 4

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

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game, give yourself credit anyway.