

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ Q J 7 5 2
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ J 5

23
 5 5
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K Q 9 4

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

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ 10 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3**♥ 10 9 2****♦ Q J 7 5****♣ K 5 3 2****♠ 10 8 7 2****♥ Q 5 3****♦ 8 6 4****♣ 9 7 4****♠ A J 9 4****♥ J 8 7 4****♦ 10 3****♣ Q J 6****♠ K Q 5****♥ A K 6****♦ A K 9 2****♣ A 10 8****2
6 9
23**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 NT
2 NT by South			

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4♣). So you pass.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ Q J 7 5 2
 ♦ J 10 7
 ♣ J 5

26
 5 5
 4

♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K Q 9 4

W N
S E

♠ J 10 3
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ A 6 3 2

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ Q 9 8 6
 ♣ 10 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

4
6 7
23

W	N
S	E

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 4

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 7 6

♠ K Q 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ A 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass
3 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.