

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3
♥ J 10 6 2
♦ 5 4
♣ J 10 6 5 2

13
6 10
11

♠ Q J 9 8 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ K Q J

♣ 8 7

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♠ K
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ A 10 9 7 3 2
♣ K 4

♠ 10 6 4 2

♥ K Q 5

♦ 8 6

♣ A Q 9 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♠s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Your 15 point hand is enough to insist on game, but opposite a passed hand you have no interest in a slam.

So you sign-off at 4 ♠.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

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

10
 7 **11**
12

♠ Q J 9 6
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 9 7 6 5

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ K Q 10 9 3
 ♣ Q 4

♠ K 10 8 4 3
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid **2 ♣**.

Partner rebids **2 ♦**, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid **2 ♠** and everybody passes.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

13	♠ J 10 9 6
9 12	♥ Q 8
6	♦ 8 6
	♣ K 8 6 5 3

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

W	N	E	S
♠ A 4 3	♥ A 10 9 5	♦ 10 3 2	♣ A 9 7

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought South had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.