

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

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

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This would be an ideal hand to open 1 NT - well, it would be with one less point. But with 18 you are too strong to open 1 NT so you open 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you bid next?

DO NOT fall into the trap of supporting partner's ♠s just because you have such nice help for him. He might have a 4-card suit. Instead, just describe your hand by jumping to 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 18-19 points. Partner now bids 3 NT and you play it there.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You open 1 ♦ and partner responds 1 ♠.
What is your next bid?

Do not support what may be a 4-card suit with only 3 cards. Instead, jump to 2 NT, showing 18-19, balanced. Partner rebids the ♠s. What do you say next?

Partner shows a minimum hand, but with 6 ♠s. 3 NT is very tempting, and might work out fine, but with 9 ♠s it is probably better to play the suit game. So you bid 4 ♠ and everybody passes.

Bidding 4 ♠ was a good choice. It makes easily, yet 3 NT might have gone down.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

West

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

South

1 ♠

Pass

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner raises you to 2 ♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♠s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3 ♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

Deal 4

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

West

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ 9 6 5

♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ Q J 10 5 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ J 7

♣ Q 7 2

North

♠ A K 9

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ Q 10 4 2

♣ 10 3

East

South

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Some might jump to 2 NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3 ♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1 ♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1 ♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4 ♥, so you do.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 7 6
 ♥ A J 9 6
 ♦ A K 8 3
 ♣ J 8 5

7
 13 14
 6

♠ 8 2
 ♥ 10 5 2
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ Q 7 2

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

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

18
4 8
10

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K J 6
♣ A K 8 3



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

Deal 34
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ A K 8

8
19 6
7

♠ 8 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J 6 5



♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 2

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 4 2

13
10 9
8

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6



♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J 10 5

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

7
13 14
6

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4



♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2