

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

4  
11 10  
15

♠ 7 3  
♥ J 10 9 7 6 3  
♦ K 3

♣ 5 4 2

	N
W	E
	S

♠ A J 10 9 8 2  
♥ —  
♦ Q 9 6 5  
♣ Q J 7

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass			

2 ♥ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

9  
6 8  
17

♠ J 8

♥ Q J 10 7 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ A 7 3

**Deal 3**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4  
 ♥ Q 10 6  
 ♦ K J 10 5  
 ♣ Q J 2

9  
 9 5  
 17

♠ J 10 9 7 3

♥ A 8 2  
 ♦ 6 2

♣ A 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K Q 6  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A Q 7 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3  
 ♥ A 9 5 2  
 ♦ 9 3  
 ♣ Q 7 2

13  
 6 6  
 15

♠ A 10 9  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ A K J 10 8 2  
 ♣ J 8

W N  
S E

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 7 6  
 ♦ 6 5  
 ♣ A 5 4 3

♠ K Q 6  
 ♥ K Q 4  
 ♦ Q 7 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

**Deal 5**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
**4 5**  
**17**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♣	ALL	Pass

6 ♣ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

**Deal 6**

West Deals

None Vul