

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ J 9 6 3 2

4
10 14
 12

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	S	

♠ J 9 7 6 2
 ♥ J 10 9 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 10 7 4

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 7 6 4
 ♦ Q J 10 8 4
 ♣ A 8

♠ 10 4 3
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♦
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♦× by South			

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

Partner has T+ points, a ♠ suit and fewer than 3 ♥s. Doesn't this look like the perfect hand to pass for penalties? Yes.

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit J 4 2 \heartsuit A 8 2 \diamond J 8 6 5 4 \clubsuit Q J	\spadesuit A 10 9 6 \heartsuit K Q J 6 \diamond 9 3 2 \clubsuit K 8	\spadesuit Q 5 3 \heartsuit 9 7 4 \diamond K 7 \clubsuit 7 6 5 4 2	
	\spadesuit K 8 7 \heartsuit 10 5 3 \diamond A Q 10 \clubsuit A 10 9 3		
<i>West</i> 1 \diamond Pass Pass 3 NT by South	<i>North</i> Dbl 3 NT	<i>East</i> Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 1 \clubsuit 1 NT Pass

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

This is one of the nicer parts of Negative Doubles. When the bidding is 1 \clubsuit - 1 \diamond , a double by you promises both Majors. It's like you are allowed to bid both suits at once, 1 \spadesuit \heartsuit . So you double and partner says 1 NT. It is your bid.

Partner doesn't have 4 of either Major. But he does have 13 points and \diamond s stopped. You also have 13 points so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

12
7 9
12

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

♠ J 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ A J 6

♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4
♥ A 8 6
♦ 9 5
♣ K 10 4

W N E S

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

It is the sign of a novice to support responder's 1-level response with only 3 of the suit. Very often he will have responded in a 4-card suit and you end up playing in a 7-card fit.

But that is not the case here. If partner had only 4 ♠s he would not have bid the suit, he would have made a Negative Double. Since his ♠ bid promises 5 it is quite correct for you to support with only 3. So you raise to 2 ♠ and partner bids the game.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

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

5
 9 14
 12



♠ J 10 8 4 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
 ♣ —