

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3

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



17  
10 6  
7  
♣ 7 6 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♦ by North

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

**Deal 2**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
 8 7  
 8

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♠ by South			

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ J**  
**♥ K 8 4**  
**♦ A Q 10 9**  
**♣ K Q J 10 7**

**♠ K 10 7 5 2****♥ J 9 3****♦ 8 2****♣ 9 4 2**

**16**  
**4 8**  
**12**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♦ by North			

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4♦ and partner raises it to game.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6



♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

♠ 9  
 10 7  
 9 14  
 ♦ K Q 7 6  
 ♦ K Q 8 4 2  
 ♣ A 10 8

West	North	East	South
			1♦

Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
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Pass	Pass	Pass	
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1 NT by South

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT.  
Partner passes.