

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q J 10 8

14
12 3
11
♣ 9 2

♠ 5 3
♥ A K 10 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ A 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 8
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ K 7 6 3

♠ A J 7 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A 5 4
♣ 9 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1 ♥. Partner says 3 ♥. It is your bid.

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ AJ 9 7 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 6 5

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 8
♦ J 5 2
♣ A K J 9 7 2

5
11 12
12
♣ 10 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 5
♥ K 10 5 2
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ Q 3

West North East South
2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass
3 NT by East

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

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you get to play it there.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 8 7 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

9
2 11
18

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 3 2
♥ K J 10 6
♦ J 9 3
♣ 10 8

♠ J 10 4
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ K 4
♣ A J 7 6

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 8 4
♦ A 10 5
♣ K Q 9 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1 NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1 NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2 NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1 NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 10 7 5	♦ Q J 10 8	♣ J 9 4 2	♠ Q 8 6 3	♦ A K Q 7	♣ K 10 6
♥ J 6	W N E	♦ 9 7 2	♦ 6 5	♣ Q 8 3	♣ 9 2
♦ 9 7 2		♦ A K 4 3	♦ 9 5 3 2	♣ A 7 5	♦ A K 4 3
♣ Q 8 3		♣ A 7 5	♣ 9 2		♣ 9 2
10 14	5		♦ 9 5 3 2		♦ 9 5 3 2
11			♦ A K 4 3		♦ A K 4 3
West	North	East	South		
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♦	
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass		
Pass	Pass				
4 ♠ by West					

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

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2♠. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!