

Deal 1

	♠ 6		
North Deals	♥ A K Q 4		
None Vul	♦ 9 6 3		
	♣ A Q J 10 3		
♠ K 10 4 3 2	♠ J 7		
♥ 7 2	♥ J 9 3		
♦ K J 2	♦ A Q 10 7 5		
♣ 9 5 2	♣ 8 6 4		
	♠ A Q 9 8 5		
16 7 8 9	♥ 10 8 6 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ 10 7 5
None Vul	♥ 8 2
	♦ A Q 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 4

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

N
W E S

8 7 8
17

West North East South

Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K	♦ 5 2
♥ 5 2	♦ A 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 2	♣ A K 10 7 4

♠ Q 9 6 5 3	♦ Q 8 5
♥ Q 7 4	♦ Q 8 5
♦ Q 8 5	♣ 6 2

18	6 9
7	



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

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

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

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ 7 3 2
 ♣ A 8 6 5

16
 5 8
11

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

N
W E
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♠ A 9 6 4
 ♥ 7 5 4 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 4 3 2

♠ K Q 10 5
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 9 7

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

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.