

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 10 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 3

16
2 11
11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J 10 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4



♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A 10 6 5

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

♠ K Q J 9 8 5
♥ 5 3
♦ J 7
♣ K J 2

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 5

♥ Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 9 8 3

8

8 10

14

♠ 6 4

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K Q 6 5



♠ A 3

♥ A 10 7 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 8 7 2

♥ 2

♦ A 10 7 5 4 2

♣ A 7

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥ by South

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

2 ♥

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K
♥ 5 2
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 6 4 2

14
6 12
8

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ 6 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A Q 10 5



♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 7 3

North

1 ♣

2 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ J 10
♣ K J

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

7

9 9

15

West

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5



♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 7 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ A K J

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

2 ♠

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8
 ♥ Q 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 4 3
 ♣ Q 9 3

15
 4 11
 10

♠ K J 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A 10 8 5



♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K J 6 2

♠ 5 4
 ♥ A K J 10 9 3
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

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

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.