

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 10 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J 10 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 8 5
♥ 5 3
♦ J 7
♣ K J 2

16
2 11
11

♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A 10 6 5

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

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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
 ♥ K 9 8 6
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ K Q 6 5

10
 8 14
 8

West
 Dbl
 Pass
 2 ♥ by East

♠ Q 8 7 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A 10 7 5 4 2
 ♣ A 7

	N		E	
W				S

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

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

North East South
 1 ♦ 1 ♠

Pass 2 ♥ Pass

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

South Deals	♠ 8 7 5 2
None Vul	♥ A Q 6 3
	♦ Q 6 4
	♣ 7 3
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K
♥ 10 7 4	♥ 5 2
♦ J 10	♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ K J	♣ 9 8 6 4 2



8
12 6
14

♠ 6 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A Q 10 5

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

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 4West Deals
None Vul

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

9
 15 7
 9

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

N
W
S
E

♠ A 8 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K Q 9 5 2
 ♣ 10 9 8

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

2 ♠ by West

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	♠ K J 7 3
None Vul	♥ 6
	♦ A Q J 7
	♣ A 10 8 5
♠ 10 9 8	♠ 5 4
♥ Q 5 4	♥ A K J 10 9 3
♦ 10 9 4 3	♦ K 6 2
♣ Q 9 3	♣ 7 4
	♠ A Q 6 2
	♥ 8 7 2
	♦ 8 5
	♣ K J 6 2



West	North	East	South
	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.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 4
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ Q 10 6 5

4
 13 13
 10

♠ 6 5
 ♥ 10 7 4 3 2
 ♦ K J 5 2
 ♣ 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 3
 ♥ A J 9 5
 ♦ 10 6 4
 ♣ A K J 3

♠ K J 10 9 8 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ A Q 9 8
 ♣ 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♥ by East			

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

With 13 points and 4 of the "other" Major you make a Negative Double. Partner's rebid is 2♥. What is your next bid?

Partner has 4 ♥s and an opening hand. You have 4 ♥s and an opening hand. That adds up to a game bid and an 8-card ♥ fit. You bid 4♥.