

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2		
None Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3		
♥ A J 6	♥ —		
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7		
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2		
	♠ 8		
10 12	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
6	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2**♥ Q 5****♦ 7 4 2****♣ 10 6 5****9
9 15
7**

♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ A K J 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3

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

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

W	N	E	S
13			
6 5			
16			

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
ALL	Pass		
6 ♠ by South			

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul♠ Q 9 2
♥ J
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K 9 7 5 3♠ 7 5
♥ A K 10 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J 10♠ A K 10 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 210
14 9
7

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

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.