

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 NT by North			

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

The general guideline for a Negative Double when both Majors are unbid is that you must have 4+ cards in at least ONE of the Majors. But for this specific sequence, 1 ♣ - 1 ♦, you do not double unless you have BOTH Majors. When you have only one of them you just bid it. Like this hand. You bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand and fewer than 4 ♠s. A good time for you to pass.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14

4 12

10

West

Pass

2 ♦ × by East

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

2 ♦

Pass

South

Dbl

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

Partner has T+ points, a ♠ suit and fewer than 3 ♥s. Doesn't this look like the perfect hand to pass for penalties? Yes.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7

♥ 10 5 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ A 10 9 3

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

South

1 ♣

1 NT

Pass

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

This is one of the nicer parts of Negative Doubles. When the bidding is 1 ♣ - 1 ♦, a double by you promises both Majors. It's like you are allowed to bid both suits at once, 1 ♠♥. So you double and partner says 1 NT. It is your bid.

Partner doesn't have 4 of either Major. But he does have 13 points and ♦s stopped. You also have 13 points so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4



♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

7
12 12
9

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

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

1 ♥

4 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

Pass

Pass

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

It is the sign of a novice to support responder's 1-level response with only 3 of the suit. Very often he will have responded in a 4-card suit and you end up playing in a 7-card fit.

But that is not the case here. If partner had only 4 ♠s he would not have bid the suit, he would have made a Negative Double. Since his ♠ bid promises 5 it is quite correct for you to support with only 3. So you raise to 2 ♠ and partner bids the game.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

West

1 ♦

Dbl

2 ♣ by North

♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
♣ —

North

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

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

First let's agree on what you DON'T say. You don't say "double" because that would be a Negative Double showing at least one 4-card Major. You don't support partner's ♦s with just two of them. You probably don't bid 1 NT with no honor in either Major. So you pass. This is called a "Trap Pass". Partner re-opens with a double. What do you say?

Now you see why it's called a "Trap Pass". When an overcall is followed by two passes Opener should try to find another bid. In particular he should try to double for takeout if he can. That's what West did here, but you converted it to a Penalty

Double by passing.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14
4 12
10

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14
4 12
10

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14
4 12
10

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A K 7 5
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

12
 14 9
 5

♠ Q
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ A J 7 4 3 2



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

♠ J 10 8 4 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
 ♣ —

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14
4 12
10

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 27
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2
 ♥ J 10 9 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 10 7 4

14
 4 12
 10

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 7 6 4
 ♦ Q J 10 8 4
 ♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

Deal 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 9 7 4 3
♣ —

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q 10 8 6

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

14
10 8
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 7 6 2

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

14
4 12
10

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8



♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

13
9 5
13

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8



♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

7
12 12
9

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

12
14 9
5

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6