

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ 9 7 2
♦ K Q 10 9 3
♣ Q 4

12
11 7
10

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| | S | |

♠ 7
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 4
♣ J 10 8 3 2

♠ Q J 9 6
♥ A K
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 9 7 6 5

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | | Pass |
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

2 ♠ by North

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 6
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ K 8 6 5 3

♠ A 4 3
 ♥ A 10 9 5
 ♦ 10 3 2
 ♣ A 9 7

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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

3♠ by East

♠ 2

♥ J 6 3 2

♦ A J 9 5 4

♣ Q J 4

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♠ K Q 8 7 5
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ 10 2

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought West had 11 points you'd bid 4♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2♣.

His 3♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.