

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 7 3  
♥ A 9 5 2  
♦ Q 5  
♣ A K J 5

11  
17 9  
3

*West*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♦ × by North

♠ —

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K 10 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 7 3



♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 8 2

*North*

2 ♦

Pass

*East*

Dbl

*South*

Pass

It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. North is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ K 6

♦ A 10 7

♣ K 10 8 3

♠ 7 5 2

♥ J 5 4 3 2

♦ J 6

♣ 6 4 2



♠ K J 9 3

♥ A Q 8 7

♦ 9 5

♣ A Q 7

♠ A 6

♥ 10 9

♦ K Q 8 4 3 2

♣ J 9 5

2  
12 16  
10

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

1 NT

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.