

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 8 3

4
11 10
15

♠ 7 3
♥ J 10 9 7 6 3
♦ K 3

♣ 5 4 2

	N
W	E
	S

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ —
♦ Q 9 6 5
♣ Q J 7

♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass			

2 ♥ by North

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ Q J 10 7 3
 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ A 5 3
 ♥ A 9 6 4
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 8 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ J 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

¹⁷
5 9

♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 5

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

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

6
15 13
6

N
W E
S

♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ A 10 9
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 10 8 2
♣ J 8

♠ J 4 2
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ 6 5
♣ A 5 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

Deal 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ J 10 9 7 3
 ♦ Q 8 6
 ♣ J 2

14
4 5
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♣	ALL	Pass

6 ♣ by North

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 6
♥ K J 6 4
♦ A Q 4
♣ Q J 5

8
16 4
12

West North East South
1 NT Pass 2 ♥ Pass
Pass
2 ♥ by East

♠ J 10 7 4 2
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A K 2

N
W E
S
♠ Q 8
♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A 5 3
♥ A 10
♦ K J 7 5 2
♣ 8 7 4

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.