

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 4 3**♥ 10 6 5 3****♦ J 8 2****♣ Q****♠ A 5****♥ K J 9 4****♦ A Q 10 5 4****♣ 4 3****♠ K 9****♥ 2****♦ 9 7 3****♣ A K J 9 7 6 5****♠ Q 7 6 2****♥ A Q 8 7****♦ K 6****♣ 10 8 2****14
4 11
11**

West North East South

1♦ 2♣ Dbl

Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥

Pass 4♥ Pass Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

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

Partner's double promises 4 cards in at least one of the Majors. You certainly hope it is ♥s. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 3♥. What do you bid next?

Once partner confirms he has the ♥s you can revalue your hand to 17 points. This gives you enough extra to accept partner's invitation. You bid 4♥.

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

15	7
13	5

W	N	E	S
♠ 4 2	♦ J 10 7 5 2	♦ Q J 5	♣ J 8 7

♠ K J 9 3
♦ Q 8 3
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 6 4

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

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

You have the special hand, 4-4 in the Majors, so you make a Negative Double. Partner replies 1 ♠. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum opener with 4 ♠s. You have a minimum response with 4 ♠s. Pass and be grateful the opponents aren't bidding.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 10 7 3

14
3 12
11

♠ K 10 9 8
 ♥ A K 7 6 4
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A 9 6

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 2
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A Q J 8 3 2
 ♣ J 5 2

♠ Q J 7 3
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ K Q 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	2 ♦	Dbl
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

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

Sometimes using Negative Doubles seems like you can read minds. You know for sure that partner has 4 ♠s since that is the only unbid Major. You know for sure that partner has T+ points because he made a Negative Double of a 2-level overcall. So you conclude that your side has 8 ♠s and 27+ points and you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ 7 4 3

8
8 10
14

W	N
S	E

♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 9 6

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 2

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J 5

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

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.