

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
17 2  
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9



♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

North

2 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♣

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

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2 ♦. Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 9 3  
♥ Q 8  
♦ K Q 10 9 3  
♣ K Q 6 4



♠ A 6  
♥ K J 2  
♦ A J 8 5 4  
♣ J 8 3

8  
12 14  
6

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	2 ♦	3 ♦	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by South			

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

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3 ♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.