

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ 7		
None Vul	♥ A Q J 9		
	♦ K Q J 7 6 4		
	♣ A 3		
♠ Q 10 5 3	♠ J 9 4 2		
♥ K 10 8 6 4	♥ 5 3		
♦ A	♦ 5 3 2		
♣ J 8 2	♣ K Q 10 9		
10 17 6 7	♠ A K 8 6 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 7 6 5 4		
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
5 ♦ by North			

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

Deal 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6

17 7
 8 8

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

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

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

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♦ A 5

♠ Q 9

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 6 3



♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ K 10 7 5 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 4 2

♠ J

♦ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

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8 4

16

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣

Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ AJ

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A 10 8



♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

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West North East South

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

1 NT Pass Pass Pass

1 NT by West

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT.
Partner passes.