

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ J 7 3 2

8
7 8
17

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q 4

♠ K Q 8 4
♥ K 9 3
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ 6 5

West North East South
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
Pass 2 NT Pass 4 ♥
Pass Pass Pass
4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.
What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say
2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and
exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him
back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do.
He is asking you to bid game if you have
17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might
have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of
4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they
would have killed you in ♠s.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K Q J 9 3
♦ K 8
♣ Q 9 5 4 2

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♠ A K 9 7 5 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7 6

♠ J 6
♥ A 7 5
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ K J 8 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass			Pass
3 ♠ by South			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid?

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ 10 7 5 4
 ♣ J 3 2

8 7 8
 17

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♠ 8 7 3
 ♥ A K 10 8 7 2
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 6 5

♠ Q 9 4 2
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ Q 10 7 4

♠ A 6
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ K Q J 2
 ♣ A K 9 8

West North East South
 1 NT

Pass 2 ♦
 Pass 3 ♥
 Pass Pass

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.
 What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ 10 8 6
♣ Q J 4 2

9
8 6
17

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♠ 10 9 8 7 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A 4
♣ 10 7 3

♠ K Q 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ 6 5

♠ A 6
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A K 9 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid?

You say 2 ♠ and partner rebids 2 NT.
What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit.
He is inviting you to choose a game if you have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose 3 NT.