

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 5 4  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 5 3

17  
8 6  
9

♠ K Q 2  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ Q J 9 5  
♣ K Q 7



♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 8 4

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

<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 North

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

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What  
do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and  
is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you  
have a maximum 17 point hand you  
accept the invitation.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10 8 5  
♥ 9 8 5 2  
♦ A 9 3  
♣ Q 5

10  
9 15  
6

*West*

2 ♣

3 ♠

3 ♠ by East

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



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

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 7 6 2  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A J 7

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

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What  
do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so  
far you couldn't have a worse hand. With  
4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points  
you most certainly don't want to accept  
any invitation from partner. So you pass.  
As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come  
easily.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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			1 NT
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Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
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Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
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Pass	Pass	Pass	
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4 ♥ by South

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

You respond 2 ♥. Partner now says 3 ♥.  
What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
17 9  
8

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by West			

♠ 8 3  
♥ K 8 7  
♦ K 9 6 5 2  
♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

When you have 4 cards in both Majors  
you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What  
is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman  
without a 4-card Major. Since he did not  
like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card  
Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an  
invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which  
means he has about 9 points. Knowing  
that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your  
call is clear : 4 ♠.