

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 6
♣ Q 3 2

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A K 4

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A K Q 9
♣ J 10 9 7

♠ A 4
♥ A K J 9 8
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5

West North East South
Pass 2 ♥ Pass Pass
Pass
2 ♥ by South

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then click on BID in the bidding section above. [BID 1 ♥]

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next? [BID pass]

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

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

8
9 5
18

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 8 7 5
♥ J
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 10 9 3

♠ A 4
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q J 5

West North East South
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 1 ♥
Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥
4 ♥ by South

[BID 1 ♥]

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid? [BID 4 ♥]

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

12	7 7
14	

N	
W	E
S	

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

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♠ by South			

[BID 1♠]

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1♠. Partner responds 3♠. What do you say? [BID 4♠]

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4♠.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ K 7 4 2
None Vul	♥ Q 8
	♦ A 6 5 3
	♣ K 9 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ J
♥ A 10 9 6 2	W N E S
♦ 10 9	♥ K 7 5 3
♣ 8 7 3	♦ K Q 8 4

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 ♠ by South			

[BID 1 ♠]

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6**♥ Q 5 2****♦ A 10 9****♣ 9 7 2****♠ A 7 3****♥ A 7 3****♦ Q 5****♣ Q J 5 4 3****♠ K J 4****♥ 9****♦ J 8 6 4 3****♣ K 10 8 6****♠ 9 5 2****♥ K J 10 8 6 4****♦ K 7 2****♣ A****West****North****East****South****1 ♥**

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3 2

♥ A Q 3 2

♦ A J 10

♣ 9 7 4

♠ J 8 7 4

♥ 7 5

♦ K 5 4

♣ Q J 5 2

♠ Q 9

♥ K 10

♦ Q 9 8 6 3

♣ K 10 8 6

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



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

[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again. [BID 2 ♠]

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
♥ Q J 10 3 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 4 2

10
8 7
15

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ J 8
♥ 9 7
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ J 10 9 5

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

West North East South

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by North

[BID 1 ♥]

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 3 ♠]

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

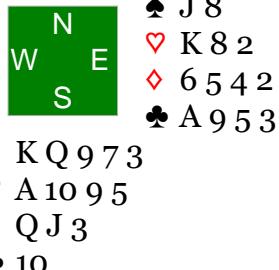
Partner bids the game.

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♠ 10 6 5 2
 ♥ J 6 4 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 7 4 2

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



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

[BID 1 ♠]

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 9

South Deals	♠ 6 2
None Vul	♥ K 9 7 3
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ A 9 8 3
♠ Q	♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ A 8 4 2	♥ 6
♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2	♦ 6
♣ Q 6	♣ K J 10 5 4 2

11	♠ A 9 7 5 3
8 8	♥ Q J 10 5
13	♦ K Q J

♣ 7

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



[BID 1 ♠]

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid next? [BID 4 ♥]

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 6 2

9
6 10
15

♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 5 4

♠ J 8
♥ 10 6
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A K Q 9 3

♠ A K 10 7 5 3

♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

[BID 1 ♠]

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid? [BID 3 ♠]

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

11
4 5
20

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

♠ K J 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

[BID 1 ♥]

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what? [BID 4 NT]

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid? [BID 6 ♥]

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 12

North Deals
None Vul

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

19	♠ 9 8 7
6 9	♥ 10 8 6
6	♦ A Q 8 5
	♣ 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by North			



[BID 2 ♥]

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2		
None Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3		
♥ A J 6	♥ —		
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7		
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2		
	♠ 8		
10 12	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
6 12	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by North			

[BID 4 ♥]

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 14

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

¹⁵
9 7
9
♣ 10 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3



♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

[BID 1 ♠]

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid? [BID 4 ♥]

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 15

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ J 10 6 4 3
♦ A 10 8 6 5
♣ 10 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 10 9 3
♥ A 9 2
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 4

♠ KJ 7 2

16
5 6
13

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ AKQ 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	ALL	Pass

6 ♠ by North

[BID 2 ♣]

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now? [BID 4 ♠]

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you? [BID 5 ♦]

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 16

North Deals
None Vul

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

14	♦ A K 10 8
7 10	♥ 9 8 5 3
9	♦ Q 10 9 6
	♣ 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			



[BID 3 ♥]

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 17
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7	♦ A K J 7 4	♣ 7 3	
♥ 9 8 3 2		♠ J 5 4 3	
♦ A K 8 4 3 2		♥ 10 5	
♣ Q 8		♦ 7	
		♣ K J 10 5 4 2	
		♠ K Q 10 8	
12 9 5 14	♥ Q 6 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣ A 9 6		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

[BID 1 ♠]

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 18

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

6 ¹⁷
8
9

♠ A 10 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K 10 5

♣ A J 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6

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

4 ♠ by North

[BID 2 ♠]

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

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

15	♠ K Q 8 6
9 9	♥ J 7 6
7	♦ J 7 6
	♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			

N	
W	E
S	

♠ J 3 2	♦ A 10 9 5
♦ 10 5 4	♣ K J 7

[BID 2 ♠]

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next? [BID 3 ♠]

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 20

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ K Q 7 2

16
10 7
7

W	N
S	E

♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ 10

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 8
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

[BID 2 ♥]

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥. Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

[BID 4 ♥]

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.