

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ 10 5 3
 ♣ A J 7 4

12
 11 10
 7

West

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 8 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 9 3

7
11 12
10

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by East

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 4 2



♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ J 7 4

♣ A K 5

South

1 ♠

Pass

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s,
11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones
minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥,
which partner passes.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
 6 12
 10

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2



♠ A K 10 9 4

♥ 8 5 3

♦ 6 5 3

♣ K 9

♠ 5 2

♥ A J 9 4 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 10

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 4

West Deals ♠ 7

None Vul ♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3

♠ A K Q 6 4 2 ♠ J 10 9 8

♥ 8 ♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 4 ♦ A 8 6 2

♣ K Q 5 ♣ A J

10 ♠ 5 3

19 11 ♥ 7 6 2

0 ♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ 7 6 4 2

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♥ Pass

4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

6 ♠ by West

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.