

**Deal 1**

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

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

11  
 11 2  
 16

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 5

♥ Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 9 8 3

8

8 10

14

♠ 6 4

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K Q 6 5



♠ Q 8 7 2

♥ 2

♦ A 10 7 5 4 2

♣ A 7

♠ A 3

♥ A 10 7 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ 10 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥ by South

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

2 ♥

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 6 4
8	♥ K J 9 8
12 6	♦ A 9 3
14	♣ A Q 10 5

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

7  
9 9  
15

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

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♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 7 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ A K J

♠ A 8 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K Q 9 5 2

♣ 10 9 8

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by South

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

2 ♠

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ A K J 10 9 3

♦ K 6 2

♣ 7 4

10

11 4

15

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2



♠ K J 7 3

♥ 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 10 9 8

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ Q 9 3

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Dbl

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

2 ♠

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.