

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 4 3 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K J 2
♣ 9 5 2

16
7 8
9

♠ 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ A Q J 10 3



♠ A Q 9 8 5

♥ 10 8 6 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K 7

♠ J 7

♥ J 9 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5

♣ 8 6 4

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

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ 10 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ K 9 7 6

7
8 8
17

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J 10 8 4



♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

♠ 3

♥ Q 9 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 4

♣ A Q 3 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ 6 2

18
 6 9
 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♣
 Pass 2 ♦
 Pass Pass
 3 ♣ by North

♠ A K
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 6 4 2
 ♣ A K 10 7 4



♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 8 2
 ♥ A 10 6 3
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ Q J 3

Pass
 Pass
 Pass

1 ♥
 3 ♣

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A 8 6 5

16
5 8
11

West

North

East

South

1 ♦
Pass
Pass
3 NT by South

♠ J 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 10



♠ K Q 10 5
♥ Q 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ A 6
♣ 4 3 2

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.