

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

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♠ K Q J 9 8 5**♥ 5 3****♦ J 7****♣ K J 2****16
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11****♠ 6 4****♥ K 9 8****♦ A 9 8 3****♣ A 10 6 5****West****North****East****South****1 ♥****1 ♠****2 ♠****Pass****4 ♥****Pass****Pass****4 ♥ by North**

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****♠ 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♥ by South			

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.

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♠ K
♥ 5 2
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 6 4 2

♠ 6 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A Q 10 5



♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ J 10
♣ K J

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 7 3

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

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

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

7
9
15

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

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

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



West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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.