

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 3	♦ 10 5	♣ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 2		
	♦ 10 5	
		♣ J 10 9 6

17	2 10	11

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

N		E
W		S
♠ A 8	♦ K J 7 4	♦ A 7 2
♦ K Q 5 3	♣ 7 4	♣ K Q J 9 8 4
♣ A 2	♦ 9 6 5	♦ 6 3
♠ K Q 10 2	♦ 8 7 4	♣ 8 7 4

North opens 1 NT and East overcalls 2 ♦.
What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2 ♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3 ♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4 ♥.