

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 5 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 4 2

16
4 8
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by North

♠ J

♥ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ A 5

North

1 ♣

2 ♦

5 ♦

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

7
10 9
14

♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

1 NT by South

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT. Partner passes.