

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4  
 ♥ A K 8 4 2  
 ♦ 10 8 2  
 ♣ A 8 3

4  
 11 10  
 15

West

Pass

Pass

2♥ by North

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



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

North

2♥

♠ A J 10 9 8 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q 9 6 5  
 ♣ Q J 7

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 8  
♥ Q J 10 7 3  
♦ J 5 3  
♣ A 7 3

8  
9 17  
6

♠ A 5 3  
♥ A 9 6 4  
♦ 9 8 2  
♣ 8 5 4



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

♠ K Q 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ K 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

**Deal 3**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 2  
♥ J 9 7 4 3  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 8 4 3

17  
5 9  
9

*West*

♠ K Q 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ K 10 9 6



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

*North*

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

*East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass 1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6  
 ♥ K Q 4  
 ♦ Q 7 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6

6  
 15 13  
 6

West

1 NT

3 NT

3 NT by West

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ A 9 5 2

♦ 9 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ J 4 2

♥ J 10 7 6

♦ 6 5

♣ A 5 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

**Deal 5**

East Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 4 5  
 17

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♣

ALL

Pass

6 ♣ by North

♠ 3  
 ♥ A 8 5  
 ♦ K J 3  
 ♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 6  
♥ K J 6 4  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ Q J 5

8  
16 4  
12

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 5

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ A K 2



♠ A 5 3

♥ A 10

♦ K J 7 5 2

♣ 8 7 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

♠ Q 8

♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 6 3

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.

South

1 ♦

Pass