

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

13
8 6
13

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3



♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

♠ J 10 8 7 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ J 8

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A J 10 9 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 5 3

7
 10 13
 10

West

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT by East

♠ J 4 3

♥ Q 6 5

♦ J 3

♣ Q J 8 6 2



♠ A 10 5

♥ K 7 4

♦ 10 9 8 5 2

♣ K 7

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥.

Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1 ♠. Apparently he wasn't since he says 2 ♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2 NT and partner passes.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

13
5 9
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3



♠ K Q 9 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

North

1 ♥

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

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Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

7
13 14
6

♠ Q 4 3
♥ 9 7 5
♦ J 3
♣ K J 6 5 2



♠ J 10 9 8
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You might bid 1 NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2 ♣.

Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 5
 ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ A 7 6 5 2
 ♣ 9

14
 7 6
 13

♠ K J 10 7
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K Q J 9
 ♣ J 7 6



♠ Q 4
 ♥ A 10 8 6 4
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A K 8 2

♠ A 3 2
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ Q 10 5 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

You show your 4-card Major. Bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 2 ♣. What do you say next?

You have a nice ♦ suit but don't bid it now. That would be FSF and partner would assume you didn't have a ♦ stopper.

With 13 points, bid what you expect to make, 3 NT. Partner passes.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 8 5

♥ A 5

♦ 8 7

♣ Q J 9 4

9
14 12
5

West

1 ♠

2 ♦

5 ♣

5 ♣ by East

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ J 10 2

♦ A Q J 9 5

♣ 7



♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 6 3 2

♣ 5 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♥

2 ♣

3 ♣

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You are the dealer.

You open 1 ♥. As expected, partner responds 1 ♠.

This is easy bidding so far. You bid your second 5-card suit, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is FSF. He wants to know if you have 3 ♠s, (you don't), or if you can stop ♦s, (you can't). So you have to rebid one of your 5-carders, and you should bid the lower-ranking one. You bid 3 ♣ and partner raises to 5 ♣.