

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			
Lead: ♥ K			

♠ —
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ A 10 9 6 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ K Q J 3
♦ K Q
♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ 7 5
♣ A K J 10



You are South and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

This is awkward. With 8 points you must respond, but you cannot bid a new suit at the 2-level without 11 or more. Although you are far from balanced you must say 1 NT.

You might as well not have worried. Partner jumps to 4 ♠ and you pass.

North would play 4 ♠.

South plays 4 ♠. West leads the ♥ K.

Losers: ♠ ? : ♥ 0 : ♦ 1 : ♣ 0 : Total = ?

That 1 ♦ loser is definite. So instead of guessing how many ♠ losers you have, just approach it from the viewpoint that you can afford 2 but not 3.

If the missing ♠s split 3-3 then your life is easy. You play ♠ A, then any ♠. Win their return and play any ♠. The defense can win two ♠s but no

more.

It's when the ♠s are splitting 4-2 that you must be careful. If somebody has ♠ K Q 9 3 for example you will go down. The one important distribution to guard against is a doubleton honor in one hand. In this case your second ♠ play must be a LOW ♠. When this drives out one honor your ♠ J T can insure that only one more trick is lost.

But if your second ♠ play is a small ♠ East will win the ♠ K and you will be left with the ♠ J T to deal with West's ♠ Q 9, holding him to just one more trick.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ A K 4 2
 ♣ A 10 6 4

11
 17 10
 2

West

3 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

Lead: ♠ J

♠ Q 8 5
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 6
 ♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 9 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ J 9 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

You are West and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You and partner do NOT play Jacoby Transfer Bids.

With 11 points you know you want to reach game since partner has at least 15. However, you aren't sure at this point just which game to reach. If you knew partner held 3 ♥s you'd choose 4 ♥ since you would have an 8-card Major fit. On the other hand, if you knew partner had only a doubleton ♥ you would choose 3 NT, which would probably be better. So you jump to 3 ♥. This bid tells partner to "Pick a Game".

He picks 3 NT.

East would play 3 NT.

West plays 3 NT. North leads the ♠ J.

Winner count: ♠ 2 : ♥ 0 : ♦ 2 : ♣ 1 : Total = 5

Although the ♦ and ♣ suits offer the possibility for creating a winner it is evident that you really need to bring in the ♥s. By driving out the ♥ A you will establish the 4 winners that you need. The problem is that when you play ♥ Q then ♥ J a good defender will hold up his ♥ A. You could get to dummy with the ♠ A and continue ♥s, but you would no longer have a sure entry to get back to those winners.

There is an almost foolproof plan. Win the first trick with your ♠ K (saving dummy's ♠ A). Lead ♥ Q, then ♥ J, OVERTAKING WITH DUMMY'S ♥ K. Now continue the ♥T driving out the ♥ A. You will be able to reach the ♥ tricks with the ♠ A.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ K 9 6

6
 15 4
 15

West

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ K

♠ 9 5 4
 ♥ 10 8 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ 7 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 7 3
 ♥ K J 9 6 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ Q J 10

North

2 ♥

East

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

You are South and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You may not have had a problem with this opening bid, but be assured that many would. The hand meets all the requirements for an opening 1 NT bid, balanced distribution and 16 points. So lots of good players would open 1 NT. However, there is the question of the 5-card Major. Another group of good players don't open 1 NT when their hand contains a 5-card Major.

So let us agree that either could be right and say that you chose 1 ♥. West overcalls 1 ♠, partner says 2 ♥ and you pass.

South plays 2 ♥. West leads the ♠ K.

Losers: ♠ 2 : ♥ 2 : ♦ 0 : ♣ 2 : Total = 6

You might get lucky in the trump suit and only lose one trick, but you can't count on it. Dummy's ♦ suit has two extra winners, but there is the problem of transportation. By the time you get to enjoy those two winners you might have already

lost six tricks.

One thing should be crystal clear. If you now lead a trump the defenders will win and cash 2 ♠s. You can avoid this by waiting on the trumps and playing ♦ K, then overtake the ♦ J with dummy's ♦ Q. Then play ♦ A and discard a ♠. Now from dummy you can lead a ♥ and perhaps play your ♥ K but even if it loses you will still make the contract.

Make sure you visualize how the play would have gone if you had played a trump to the second trick. When you see clearly the bad things that are likely to happen you will look harder for a remedy. When confronted with a hand such as this many beginning (or careless) players just automatically start trying to pull trumps. And many times they go down on hands that could have been made.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

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

You are East and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

It is tempting to bid 3 NT and hope partner can use your ♣ suit. But you have something very important in your hand - a 4-card ♥ suit.

So you bid 2 ♣. (Stayman, not your ♣ suit!) Partner replies 2 ♥. What do you say next?

He who knows, goes. You have 11 points and 4 ♥s. Partner has at least 15 points and 4 ♥s. So you bid the game.

West would play 4 ♥.

East plays 4 ♥. South leads the ♠ Q.

East plays 4 ♥. South leads the ♠ Q.

Losers: ♠ 0 : ♥ 1 or 2 : ♦ 1 : ♣ 0 : Total = 2 or 3

This PLAN looks awfully simple. Win the ♠, play ♥ A, ♥ K, then give up a ♥. When you get back in run the ♣s.

But when you play the second high ♥ North shows out.

Make another Plan, then

Let's start over. Play ♥ K, then ♥ A. North shows out. If you play another ♥ South will pull all the trumps and they will start winning ♦ tricks. Lots of ♦ tricks.

So don't lead the third ♥. Leave South with his two master trumps and start playing ♣ winners. South will eventually ruff in with one of his high trumps and perhaps take a ♦ trick. But you have trump control and can get in again and reach dummy with a ruff to continue ♣s. All South can do is get his one more trump.

This hand is much rarer - leaving TWO master trumps out. But you can see that it is the correct technique.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 9 7 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 5 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
9 15
9

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ 5



♠ A K 3
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ A J

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A K J 8
♣ 7 6 4 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 8 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 5 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 9 7 5

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
9 15
9

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ 5



♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A K J 8
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ A J

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 8 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 5 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 9 7 5

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
9 15
9

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ 5



♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A K J 8
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ A J

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 9 7 5

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 5 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 9 5
 ♥ A 7 4 2
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
 9 15
 9

♠ Q J 10 4
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ Q 10 4 3
 ♣ 5



♠ A K 3
 ♥ K 8 6 5
 ♦ 9 7 6 2
 ♣ A J

♠ 8 7 6 2
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K J 8
 ♣ 7 6 4 2

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 9 7 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 5 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5

♥ A 7 4 2

♦ 5

♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7

9 15

9

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ Q 10 4 3

♣ 5



♠ 8 7 6 2

♥ J

♦ A K J 8

♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 3

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ A J

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 9 7 5

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 5 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 28
 West Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 9 5
 ♥ A 7 4 2
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
 9 15
 9

♠ Q J 10 4
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ Q 10 4 3
 ♣ 5



♠ 8 7 6 2
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K J 8
 ♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 3
 ♥ K 8 6 5
 ♦ 9 7 6 2
 ♣ A J

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 8 2



♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 5 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 9 7 5

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7
9 15
9

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ 5



♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A K J 8
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ A J

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 9 6 4

6
8 13
13

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A 10 9 6 4 3

♣ Q 7 2



♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 5

♣ A K J 10

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

11
17 10
2

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 8 2



♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 5 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 9 7 5

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ A Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K 9 6

6
15 4
15

♠ 9 5 4

♥ 10 8 7 3

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 7 5



♠ A 7 3

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

♠ 6 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 7 5 3

♣ A 8 4 3 2

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5

♥ A 7 4 2

♦ 5

♣ K Q 10 9 8 3

7

9 15

9

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ Q 10 4 3

♣ 5



♠ A K 3

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 8 7 6 2

♥ J

♦ A K J 8

♣ 7 6 4 2