

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K 7 6 4
♦ Q J 10 8 4
♣ A 8

♠ 10 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A K 9 6 5 2
♣ K 5

♠ A K Q 5
♥ 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ J 9 6 3 2

N

W E

S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

West North East South
1 ♥ 2 ♦ Dbl Pass
Pass Pass
2 ♦× by North

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

Partner has T+ points, a ♠ suit and fewer than 3 ♥s. Doesn't this look like the perfect hand to pass for penalties? Yes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 6
 ♥ K Q J 6
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ K 8

5
 13 13
 9

West

Dbl
 3 NT
 3 NT by East

♠ Q 5 3
 ♥ 9 7 4
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 7 6 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7
 ♥ 10 5 3
 ♦ A Q 10
 ♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A 8 2
 ♦ J 8 6 5 4
 ♣ Q J

North East South
 Pass 1♣ 1♦
 Pass 1 NT Pass
 Pass Pass Pass

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

This is one of the nicer parts of Negative Doubles. When the bidding is 1♣ - 1♦, a double by you promises both Majors. It's like you are allowed to bid both suits at once, 1♣♥. So you double and partner says 1 NT. It is your bid.

Partner doesn't have 4 of either Major. But he does have 13 points and ♦s stopped. You also have 13 points so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

12
7 9
12

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

♠ J 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ A J 6

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

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

It is the sign of a novice to support responder's 1-level response with only 3 of the suit. Very often he will have responded in a 4-card suit and you end up playing in a 7-card fit.

But that is not the case here. If partner had only 4 ♠s he would not have bid the suit, he would have made a Negative Double. Since his ♠ bid promises 5 it is quite correct for you to support with only 3. So you raise to 2 ♠ and partner bids the game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ A J 7 4 3 2

9
12 5
14

West

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Dbl

2 ♣ by West

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

First let's agree on what you DON'T say. You don't say "double" because that would a Negative Double showing at least one 4-card Major. You don't support partner's ♦s with just two of them. You probably don't bid 1 NT with no honor in either Major. So you pass. This is called a "Trap Pass". Partner re-opens with a double. What do you say?

Now you see why it's called a "Trap Pass". When an overcall is followed by two passes Opener should try to find another bid. In particular he should try to double for takeout if he can. That's what South did here, but you converted it to a Penalty Double by passing.

Deal 5

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
N-S Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 **10**
 4

Deal 6East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8

5
13 13
9

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ 10 5 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ J 8 6 5 4

♣ Q J

Deal 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 4 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

12
7 9
12

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4
♥ A 8 6
♦ 9 5
♣ K 10 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 **5**
14

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
E-W Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 **10**
4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8

5
13 13
9

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

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

Deal 11South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 5
14

Deal 13

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
Both Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 **10**
4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8

13 5
9 13

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ 10 5 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ J 8 6 5 4

♣ Q J

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 5
14

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ J 9 7 6 2

12
14 **10**

4

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8

5
13 13
9

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 5
14

Deal 21

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
N-S Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 **10**
 4

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8

N
W E
S♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 35
13 13
9♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2



♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 5
14

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
E-W Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 10
4

Deal 26East Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8

5
13 13
9

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 **5**
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Deal 29

North Deals ♠ 10 4 3
Both Vul ♥ Q 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ K 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ —
♣ Q 10 7 4

12
14 **10**
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Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K 8

13 5
9 13

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ 10 5 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ J 8 6 5 4

♣ Q J

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 **5**
14

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K 5

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♣ A 8

N
W S E

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2

♠ J 9 7 6 2

12
14 **10**

4

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ —

♣ Q 10 7 4

Deal 34East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8

5
13 13
9

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A 10 9 3

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ A J 6

♠ A 8 6

♥ J 4 2

♦ 7 6 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

W N E S

♠ 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 4

12
7 9
12

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 7 4 3 2



♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 9 7 4 3

♣ —

♠ A K 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 8 6

♣ 9 5

9
12 **5**
14