

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ 6		
None Vul	♥ A Q J 9 8		
	♦ A K 8 5		
	♣ K Q J		
♠ K J 9 8 7 3	♠ Q 5 4		
♥ —	♥ 10 6 4 3		
♦ J 2	♦ Q 10 9 6		
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 10 5		
	♠ A 10 2		
20	♥ K 7 5 2		
5 4	♦ 7 4 3		
11	♣ A 9 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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



6	♠ K 5
9	♥ A K Q 7 5
6	♦ K 6 3
19	♣ A 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 8	♦ —	♥ 7	♣ A J 10 7 5 2
12	Q 9 8 5 3	♦ 7	
10 12	♦ K J 8 5	♣ A J 10 7 5 2	
6	♣ 8 6 4		

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



When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**

South Deals	♠ A K 9 7 2
None Vul	♥ Q 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ 10 6 5

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

W	N
S	E

9	3
7 9	AKJ 8 7 3
15	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

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

16  
5 6  
13

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	ALL	Pass

6 ♠ by North

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.