

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

13
6 8
13

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3

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

4 ♥ by South

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ K 7

10
10 7
13

♠ K 7 2
♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 5 3



♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ A 10 4

♠ J 4 3
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 8 6 2

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

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

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 NT.

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

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 9 7 5

♦ J 3

♣ K J 6 5 2

14
7 6
13

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 4



♠ 6

♥ A J 10

♦ Q 10 9 5 4

♣ A Q 7 3

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ K Q 4 2

♦ 8 7 6 2

♣ 10

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

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

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 3 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 10 4
♣ Q 10 5 4 3

13
6 7
14

♠ Q 4
♥ A 10 8 6 4
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 8 2



♠ K J 10 7
♥ Q J
♦ K Q J 9
♣ J 7 6

♠ 9 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A 7 6 5 2
♣ 9

<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 South			

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 3 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 6 3 2
♣ 5 3 2

14
5 9
12

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

5 ♣ by South

♠ A K 9 8 5
♥ A 5
♦ 8 7
♣ Q J 9 4



♠ 7
♥ K Q 8 6 3
♦ 10 4
♣ A K 10 8 6

North

1 ♠
2 ♦
5 ♣

East

Pass
Pass
ALL

South

1 ♥
2 ♣
3 ♣
Pass

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ J 10 2
♦ A Q J 9 5
♣ 7

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 ♣.