

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4

♥ A Q J 8 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A 6 3

11
12 3
14

West

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8



♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2

North

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ J 9

♣ K J 10 9 7 6

11

11 3

15

West

2 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2



♠ A 10 9 8 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ A K 7

♣ A 5

North

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q J 10 9 3

♥ 8

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ 5

10
10 8
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

North

2 ♠

Pass

♠ 8 5

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ K Q 4

♣ Q J 9 2



♠ 7 4 2

♥ A K 6 5 4

♦ A J 3

♣ 4 3

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

♠ 6

♥ J 10 2

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A K 10 8 7 6

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A 5

♣ 10 9 6

7
9 9
15

♠ A 3

♥ Q 8 7 4

♦ J 6 2

♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ 9 6 4

♥ A K J 5 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ A K

♠ J 10 8

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ Q J 5 3

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

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

7
10 11
12

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 8 6 3

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♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 9 2

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

You would have bid 2 ♠ if West had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

11
10 7
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 4 3

♥ K 10 6 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9 3



♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ J 7 4

♣ A K 5

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s,
11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones
minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥,
which partner passes.

Deal 7

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
 6 12
 10

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2



♠ A K 10 9 4

♥ 8 5 3

♦ 6 5 3

♣ K 9

♠ 5 2

♥ A J 9 4 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ A K Q 10 5 3
♦ J 5
♣ 10 9 8 3

11
10 0
19

♠ J 10 9 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ A J

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 6 4 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 5

♠ 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ 7 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

Deal 9

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ K 9 5 4

11
 8 12
 9

West

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 8 6

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ 9 6 5 4

♣ A Q J



♠ Q J 7 4

♥ K Q J 10 2

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 10

North

2 ♣

Pass

♠ K 10

♥ 7 3

♦ A K Q 2

♣ 8 7 6 3 2

East

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♥

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6

♥ Q J 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ —

♠ J 4

♥ 4

♦ K 3 2

♣ A K Q J 10 8 6



♠ 9 8 5 2

♥ 10 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 5 3 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K 8 5 3

♦ A 6

♣ 9 7 4

11
14 0
15

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

3 ♣

5 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♥

4 ♥

6 ♥

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.