

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2		
None Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3		
♥ A J 6	♥ —		
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7		
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2		
	♠ 8		
10 12	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
6	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2**♥ Q 5****♦ 7 4 2****♣ 10 6 5****9
9
7****West**

♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ A K J 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

North**East****1 ♥**

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by East

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 3

South Deals	♠ K J 7 2
None Vul	♥ 8 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K Q 5

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



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
ALL	Pass		
6 ♠ by South			

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 ♠.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul♠ Q 9 2
♥ J
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K 9 7 5 3♠ 7 5
♥ A K 10 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J 10♠ A K 10 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 210
14 9
7

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

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

14	♦ A K J 7 4
5 9	♦ 10 5
12	♣ 7 3

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



You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

6
 9 17
 8

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2
 ♦ A 9 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 10 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A J 7

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

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

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 7

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

N
W E
S

Deal 8

West Deals ♠ J
None Vul ♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

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



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9 15
7

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

Deal 9 ♠ K J 7 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

E-W Vul ♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2



♠ 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

13

6

16

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

N
W E
S

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

10
14 9
7

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

Deal 11 ♠ K Q 10 8
South Deals ♥ Q 6
None Vul ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ A 9 6

♠ J 5 4 3
♥ 10 5
♦ 7
♣ K J 10 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ A K 8 4 3 2
♣ Q 8

14
5 9
12
♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ 7 3

Deal 12

West Deals ♠ 4
N-S Vul ♥ 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 5
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6



♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7

6
9 17
8
♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

Deal 13

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

N
W E
S

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 10 6 5



♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

♠ 3
♥ A K J 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

9
9 15
7

Deal 15 ♠ K J 7 2

South Deals ♥ 8 5

N-S Vul ♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2



♠ 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

13

6 5

16

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

N
W E
S

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

10
14 9
7

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

Deal 17 ♠ K Q 10 8

North Deals ♥ Q 6

None Vul ♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6

♠ J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 7

♣ K J 10 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ A K 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 8

14
5 9
12

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ 7 3

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7

6
9 17
8

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

Deal 19

South Deals ♠ 7 4 2
E-W Vul ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 ♦ A Q 4
 ♣ K 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ 8
10 12
6
♦ 8 6 4

♥ Q 9 8 5 3
♦ K J 8 5

Deal 20

West Deals ♠ J
Both Vul ♥ 10 6 4 2
 ♦ K 10 8 6
 ♣ K Q 8 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

9
9 15
7

Deal 21 ♠ K J 7 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

N-S Vul ♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2



♠ 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

13

6 5

16

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

W N
S E

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

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14 9
7♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

Deal 23 ♠ K Q 10 8
South Deals ♥ Q 6
Both Vul ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ A 9 6

♠ J 5 4 3
♥ 10 5
♦ 7
♣ K J 10 5 4 2

14
5 9
12

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ A K 8 4 3 2
♣ Q 8

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ 7 3

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 4

♥ 9 8 4 3 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K 10 5

♣ A J 7

♠ J 3 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

6
9 17
8

Deal 25

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2
E-W Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2
	♦ A Q 4
	♣ K 3
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ A J 6	♥ —
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2
10 12 6	♠ 8
	♥ Q 9 8 5 3
	♦ K J 8 5
	♣ 8 6 4

N
W E
S

Deal 26

East Deals ♠ J
Both Vul ♥ 10 6 4 2
 ♦ K 10 8 6
 ♣ K Q 8 2

♠ A K 9 7 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 10 6 5

9
9 15
7

N
W E
S

♠ 3
♥ A K J 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2



♠ 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

13

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Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

N
W E
S

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

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14 9
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♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

Deal 29 ♠ K Q 10 8

North Deals ♥ Q 6

Both Vul ♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6

♠ J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 7

♣ K J 10 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ A K 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 8

14
5 9
12

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ 7 3

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 4

♥ 9 8 4 3 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K 10 5

♣ A J 7

♠ J 3 2

6
9 17
8

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ 7 4 2
N-S Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2
	♦ A Q 4
	♣ K 3
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ A J 6	♥ —
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2
10 12 6	♠ 8
	♥ Q 9 8 5 3
	♦ K J 8 5
	♣ 8 6 4



Deal 32

West Deals ♠ J
E-W Vul ♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

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



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9 15
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♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ A J 9 4

Deal 33 ♠ K J 7 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

None Vul ♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2



♠ 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

13
6 5
16

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

N
W S E

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

10
14 9
7

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

Deal 35 ♠ K Q 10 8
South Deals ♥ Q 6
E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ A 9 6

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ 7 3

14
5 9
12

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4

♥ 9 8 4 3 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K 10 5

♣ A J 7

♠ J 3 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

6
9 17
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