

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ K Q 10 2		
South Deals	♥ A Q 10 3		
None Vul	♦ 6 3		
	♣ 8 7 4		
♠ 7 4	♠ J 9 6 5 3		
♥ 9 6 5	♥ 8 2		
♦ K Q J 9 8 4	♦ 10 5		
♣ A 2	♣ J 10 9 6		
	♠ A 8		
10 11 2	♥ K J 7 4		
17	♦ A 7 2		
	♣ K Q 5 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

South opens 1 NT and West overcalls 2 ♦. What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2 ♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3 ♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4 ♥.