

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ 10 9 8 4 2****♥ 8 3 2****♦ A 4 2****♣ 9 2****♠ A Q 7****♥ A 10 4****♦ K Q J 6****♣ A 8 3**
**♠ J 5 3**  
**♥ Q 9 7 6**  
**♦ 9 8 3**  
**♣ 7 6 5**
**♠ K 6****♥ K J 5****♦ 10 7 5****♣ K Q J 10 4****20****4 3****13**

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Do the math. If partner only has 20 points you still come to 34 points, enough for the slam. If you want to use Gerber to check for Aces, go ahead. Or, just bid 6 NT.

**Deal 2**

North Deals	♠ A 10 3
None Vul	♥ Q 7
	♦ A 10 7 5
	♣ AJ 6 2
♠ Q J 5	♠ K
♥ K 10 4	♥ A J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 9 8 2	♦ 6 3
♣ Q 10 4	♣ K 9 8 5

15	♠ 9 8 7 6 4 2
11 11	♥ 9 5
3	♦ Q J 4
	♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have a terrible hand and partner is not going to make 1 NT. So you bid 2 ♠, the Drop-dead bid. You don't expect to make this either, but it will probably end up better than 1 NT would have.

**Deal 3**

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Since partner opened 1 NT he has at least 2 ♥s and you are assured of an 8-card fit. The only question is how high. With 10 points you are in the judgement zone.

But unless you play Jacoby Transfers there isn't a method for inviting with this kind of hand. You have to decide for yourself and bid either 2 ♥ or 4 ♥. Take the optimistic view and bid the game.

As you see, it is going to take some luck.

**Deal 4**

North Deals	♠ K 8 4
None Vul	♥ A 7 3
	♦ K J 6 4
	♣ A 7 5
♠ A 6 3 2	♠ 7
♥ Q 9 2	♥ K J 8 6 5
♦ 10 3	♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ 10 6 3 2	♣ J 8 4
	♠ Q J 10 9 5
	♥ 10 4
	♦ A 8 7
	♣ K Q 9
15 6 7 12	

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 13 points you must either bid game or make a bid that forces partner to game. If partner has 3 or more ♠s then the game should be 4 ♠. If partner has only a doubleton ♠ then the game should be 3 NT. Only partner can decide, and the bid that tells him to make the decision is 3 ♠.

Partner has 3 of them so he bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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



♠ K 10 9 7 4  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ 4 2

14  
5 5  
16

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 6 5  
♦ K 5  
♣ Q J 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♣ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 16 points you may be in slam range. You should alert partner of your big hand by jumping to 3 ♣. Partner says 4 ♣ and it is your bid again.

Don't make the mistake of bidding Blackwood when you have a doubleton-nothing in a suit. If partner has only one Ace you will be left not knowing what to do. Instead make a control-bid showing your ♦ A. Now partner bids 6 ♣ which ends the auction.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 6 3	♦ 9 7	♥ K 10 9 8 7 3
♦ —	♣ 9 6 2	

♦ Q 8	♣ A J 10 4	♦ A Q 2
9 7	♦ K Q 9	♦ A J 10
21	♦ —	♦ A Q 2