

**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**

South Deals	♠ A K 9 7 2
None Vul	♥ Q 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ 10 6 5

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

9	♠ 3
7 9	♥ A K J 8 7 3
15	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ 7 3

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

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**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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W		E
	S	

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

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

**16**  
5 6  
13

<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 North

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 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

9	♠ 7 5
10	♥ A K 10 7 6 4
14	♦ K J
	♣ Q J 10

W	N
S	E

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

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

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	9	7
5		10 5
12		♣ 7 3

W	N	E	S
		♦ 9 8 3 2	
		♦ A K 8 4 3 2	
		♣ Q 8	

<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 6**      ♠ K Q 8 6  
South Deals      ♥ J 7 6  
None Vul      ♦ Q J 7 6  
                    ♣ 9 6

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

9  
8 6  
17

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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 ♠.