

Deal 1

	♠ 6		
North Deals	♥ A K Q 4		
None Vul	♦ 9 6 3		
	♣ A Q J 10 3		
♠ K 10 4 3 2	♠ J 7		
♥ 7 2	♥ J 9 3		
♦ K J 2	♦ A Q 10 7 5		
♣ 9 5 2	♣ 8 6 4		
	♠ A Q 9 8 5		
16 7 8 9	♥ 10 8 6 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ J 10 8 4

8
7 17
8

West
2 ♠
Pass
4 ♠ by East

♠ 3
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ A Q 3 2

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♠ K Q J 6 4
♥ A K J 7 6
♦ K 6
♣ 5

♠ A 9 8 2
♥ 10 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ K 9 7 6

North East South
1 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass Pass

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q J 3



♠ 10 7 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ K 7 3
♣ 9 8 5

♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 6 2

♠ A K
♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A K 10 7 4

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

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 5
♥ Q 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A 8 6 5



♠ J 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 10

5
11 16
8

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ A 6
♣ 4 3 2

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

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.