

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

13
8 6
13

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3



♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

♠ J 10 8 7 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ J 8

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ K 7

10
10 7
13

♠ K 7 2
♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 5 3



♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ A 10 4

♠ J 4 3
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 NT by South

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥.

Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1 ♠. Apparently he wasn't since he says 2 ♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2 NT and partner passes.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 7 3

♥ A 7 5

♦ K 7 3

♣ J 8

13
9 5
13

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ 10 6

♦ A J 5

♣ K 9 5 4



♠ A 5

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A 6 3

♠ 6 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ Q 8 4 2

♣ Q 10 7 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 9 7 5

♦ J 3

♣ K J 6 5 2

14
7 6
13

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 4



♠ 6

♥ A J 10

♦ Q 10 9 5 4

♣ A Q 7 3

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ K Q 4 2

♦ 8 7 6 2

♣ 10

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You might bid 1 NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2 ♣.

Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3 NT.