

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ 10 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ K 9 7 6

7  
8 8  
17

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J 10 8 4



♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

♠ 3

♥ Q 9 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 4

♣ A Q 3 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
9 6  
18

♠ 10 7 4  
♥ K J 9 8  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ 9 8 5



♠ A K  
♥ 5 2  
♦ A 6 4 2  
♣ A K 10 7 4

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

<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 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

16  
5 8  
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ K Q 10 8 5

♣ K 10



♠ K Q 10 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 9 7

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6

♣ 4 3 2

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 NT

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.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 4 2

♣ 9 5

6  
10 8  
16

♠ Q 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 4 3



♠ 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A K 10 7 2

♠ K 10 4

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ Q J 6

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner then says 3 ♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3 NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 5 2

16  
10 9  
5

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

♠ K 9

♥ A 10 5 2

♦ J 9 7 5

♣ J 10 4

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2 ♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.