

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A 6 3

♠ 6 4

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q 8 4 2

♣ Q 10 7 2



♠ J 10 8 7 3

♥ J 5 4

♦ K 7 3

♣ J 8

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ A 10 6

♦ J 5

♣ K 9 5 4

13
8 6
13

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

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A J 10 9 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 5 3

7
 10 13
 10

West

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT by East

♠ J 4 3

♥ Q 6 5

♦ J 3

♣ Q J 8 6 2



♠ A 10 5

♥ K 7 4

♦ 10 9 8 5 2

♣ K 7

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

13
5 9
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3



♠ K Q 9 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

North

1 ♥

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

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

West Deals

None Vul

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|--------------|--|-------------|
| ♠ 6 | | ♠ A K 7 5 2 |
| ♥ A J 10 | | ♥ 8 6 3 |
| ♦ Q 10 9 5 4 | | ♦ A K |
| ♣ A Q 7 3 | | ♣ 9 8 4 |

7
13 14
6

♠ Q 4 3
♥ 9 7 5
♦ J 3
♣ K J 6 5 2



♠ J 10 9 8
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 10

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

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.