

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 5 3
 ♥ K 10 8 6 4
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 8 2

17
 10 6
 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by North

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3



♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 5 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ K Q 10 9

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 10
♦ A Q J 3
♣ K Q 9 8 6

7
17 8
8

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

♠ A 10 8 2

♥ Q 6 4

♦ 10 6 2

♣ J 7 5



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 5 3

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ A 4 2

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ K 5

♣ 10 3

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 6 3

12
8 4
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by South

♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ A 5

N
W E
S

♠ J

♥ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

North

1 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ K 10 7 5 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 4 2

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ K Q 8 4 2
 ♣ A 10 8

10
 14 7
 9

West

1 ♦

1 NT

1 NT by West

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

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♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT. Partner passes.