

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 5 4 3

♣ K Q

14
9
9

♠ 6 3

♥ 10

♦ K 8 6

♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ 10 3

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥

Pass Pass Pass

3 ♥ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You overcall 2 ♥ and hear partner raise you to 3 ♥. What do you say now?

No matter how many times you check this hand you cannot revalue it any more than 13 points. Since partner has T at the most you reluctantly pass.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 3
 ♥ A J 9 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 ¹³
8

West

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

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ Q J 8 6
 ♣ Q J 5 4

North

1♦
Pass

East
1♠
Pass

South
2♦
Pass

2♠ by East

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With only 7 points you might not think you have enough to make a "free bid". But in competitive bidding situations like these, where both sides have a fit, bidding is usually better than passing. So you bid 2♠.

You might look at the Law of Total Tricks lesson for more on this subject.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠	K 8 4 2
♥	A 9 3
♦	10 5
♣	K Q 9 3

♠	—
♥	J 8 7 2
♦	K Q 4
♣	J 10 7 6 5 4

N	
W	E
S	

♠	A 7 6 5
♥	10 6 5
♦	A J 9 7 2
♣	A

12	♠ Q J 10 9 3
7	♥ K Q 4
8	♦ 8 6 3
	♣ 8 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You have enough for a 1-level Overcall so you bid 1 ♠. Partner says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

The jump raise tells you partner has 11-14 points.

With your minimum it's going to have to be better than that to get you excited. So you pass.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4

♥ 3

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 8 2

♠ 2

♥ 10 8 6 4

♦ 7 5 4

♣ A K Q 10 9



♠ K 8 7 5 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A

♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ 10 9

♥ A K Q J 9

♦ K Q J 10 3

♣ 6

 9
8
16 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

3 ♥

4 ♣

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♣ by West

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 10 points, but in cases like this points don't matter that much. They MIGHT be able to make 4 ♥. Partner MIGHT be able to make 4 ♠. This preemptive jump takes the decision away from them.

Looking at the hands you can see that partner is going to go down 1 at 4 ♠. However, that is an excellent result since they appear to be cold for 5 ♥.

Deal 5

North Deals ♠ 10 9
 ♥ K Q J 7 5 2

N-S Vul ♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 5 4 3

♣ K Q



♠ 6 3

♥ 10

♦ K 8 6

♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2

♠ J 7 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ A 10 2

♣ 10 3

14 9
9 8

Deal 6East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 4 2

♥ A 9 3

♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 9 3

♠ —

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ 10 6 5

♦ A J 9 7 2

♣ A

♠ Q J 10 9 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

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7 13

8

Deal 8

West Deals	♠ 2
None Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
	♠ 10 9
9	♥ A K Q J 9
8 7	♦ K Q J 10 3
16	♣ 6

N
W E
S

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 10 9
 ♥ K Q J 7 5 2

E-W Vul ♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 5 4 3

♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3

♥ 10

♦ K 8 6

♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2

♠ J 7 5 2
9 8
14 9
9

♥ A 8 6 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ 10 3

Deal 10

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 11

South Deals ♠ K 8 4 2
None Vul ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3
♠ —
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



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7 13
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♠ A 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A J 9 7 2
♣ A

♠ Q J 10 9 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

Deal 12

West Deals	♠ 2
N-S Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
	♠ 10 9
9	♥ A K Q J 9
8 7	♦ K Q J 10 3
16	♣ 6

N
W E
S

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ 10 9
Both Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8	♠ J 7 5 2
9	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 15 ♠ K 8 4 2

South Deals ♥ A 9 3

N-S Vul ♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 9 3

♠ —

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ 10 6 5

♦ A J 9 7 2

♣ A

♠ Q J 10 9 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

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Deal 16

West Deals	♠ 2
E-W Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
9 8 16	♠ 10 9
7	♥ A K Q J 9
	♦ K Q J 10 3
	♣ 6

N
W E
S

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ 10 9
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8 9	♠ J 7 5 2
	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 19

South Deals ♠ K 8 4 2
E-W Vul ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3
♠ —
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A J 9 7 2
♣ A

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7 **13**
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♠ Q J 10 9 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

Deal 20

West Deals	♠ 2
Both Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
	♠ 10 9
9	♥ A K Q J 9
8 7	♦ K Q J 10 3
16	♣ 6

N
W E
S

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ 10 9
N-S Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8 9	♠ J 7 5 2
	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 22East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 23

South Deals ♠ K 8 4 2
Both Vul ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3
♠ —
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 10 7 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A J 9 7 2
♣ A

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7 13
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♠ Q J 10 9 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ 10 8 6 4

♦ 7 5 4

♣ A K Q 10 9

♠ A Q J 6 4

♥ 3

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7 5 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A

♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ 10 9
9
8 7
16♥ A K Q J 9
♦ K Q J 10 3
♣ 6

Deal 25

North Deals	♠ 10 9
E-W Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8 9	♠ J 7 5 2
	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 26East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 4 2

♥ A 9 3

♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 9 3

♠ —

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ 10 6 5

♦ A J 9 7 2

♣ A

♠ Q J 10 9 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

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Deal 28

West Deals	♠ 2
N-S Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
	♠ 10 9
9	♥ A K Q J 9
8 7	♦ K Q J 10 3
16	♣ 6

N
W E
S

Deal 29

	♠ 10 9
North Deals	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
Both Vul	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
	♠ J 7 5 2
14 9 8	♥ A 8 6 3
9	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3



Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 31

South Deals ♠ K 8 4 2
N-S Vul ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3
♠ —
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A J 9 7 2
♣ A

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7 **13**
8 ♠ Q J 10 9 3
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ 8 2

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2

♥ 10 8 6 4

♦ 7 5 4

♣ A K Q 10 9

♠ A Q J 6 4

♥ 3

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 8 2



♠ K 8 7 5 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A

♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ 10 9

♥ A K Q J 9

♦ K Q J 10 3

♣ 6

9
8
16 7

Deal 33

North Deals	♠ 10 9
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8	♠ J 7 5 2
9	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 34

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 8

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 4 2

♥ A 9 3

♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 9 3

♠ —

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ J 10 7 6 5 4



♠ A 7 6 5

♥ 10 6 5

♦ A J 9 7 2

♣ A

♠ Q J 10 9 3

♥ K Q 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

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Deal 36

West Deals	♠ 2
Both Vul	♥ 10 8 6 4
	♦ 7 5 4
	♣ A K Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 6 4	♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 3	♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A
♣ J 8 2	♣ 7 5 4 3
	♠ 10 9
8 9 16 7	♥ A K Q J 9
	♦ K Q J 10 3
	♣ 6

N
W E
S