

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 8 4  
  
♠ 7  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ 7 6 4 2  
♣ J 10 9 6 2  
  
9  
6 8  
17

N  
W E  
S

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What  
do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and  
is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you  
have a maximum 17 point hand you  
accept the invitation.

**Deal 2**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ A J
♦ 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

9
6
10
15



♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 4
♣ K 6 4 3 2

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 7

West      North      East      South

1 NT

Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣
Pass	

3 ♣ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so far you couldn't have a worse hand. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points you most certainly don't want to accept any invitation from partner. So you pass. As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come easily.

### *Deal 3*

South Deals  
None Vul

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ J 6 2  
♥ A 10 9 5  
♦ K Q J 4  
♣ A Q

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

♠ Q 10 9 3	♠ A K 7 5 4
♥ K 8 7 3	♥ 6 4 2
♦ A 5	♦ 9 8 2
♣ 7 6 4	♣ 5 3
<span style="font-size: 2em;">N</span> <span style="font-size: 1.5em;">W</span> <span style="font-size: 1.5em;">E</span> <span style="font-size: 2em;">S</span>	

J 6 2  
A 10 9 5  
K Q J 4  
A Q

*South*  
1 NT

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You respond 2. Partner now says 3. What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

9  
6 8  
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 9 6  
♥ 6 3  
♦ Q 10 8 4  
♣ K 8 3

♠ 7 5 2  
♥ Q J 4 2  
♦ A  
♣ J 10 9 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman without a 4-card Major. Since he did not like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4 ♠.

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 8 6 5 2  
♣ K J 6 5 2

<sup>11</sup>  
<sup>5</sup> 7  
<sub>17</sub>



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

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

3 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 6**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ J 8 6 5 4 3****♥ A 8****♦ J 8 2****♣ 8 7**

**♠ K 7**  
**♥ Q J 10**  
**♦ A K 9 5**  
**♣ K J 9 4**



**♠ A 10 9**  
**♥ 6 4 2**  
**♦ 10 6 4**  
**♣ A 5 3 2**

**♠ Q 2**  
**♥ K 9 7 5 3**  
**♦ Q 7 3**  
**♣ Q 10 6**

*West      North      East      South*

1 NT      Pass      2 ♣

Pass      2 ♦      Pass      2 ♥

Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
 What do you bid?

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.  
 What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.