

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 10 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J 10 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 8 5
♥ 5 3
♦ J 7
♣ K J 2

16
2 11
11

♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A 10 6 5

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

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 5**♥ Q J 4 3****♦ —****♣ J 9 8 3****♠ 6 4****♥ K 9 8 6****♦ 9 8 3****♣ K Q 6 5****♠ Q 8 7 2****♥ 2****♦ A 10 7 5 4 2****♣ A 7****♠ A 3****♥ A 10 7 5****♦ K Q J 6****♣ 10 4 2****West****North****East****South****1 ♦****2 ♥****1 ♠****Dbl****Pass****Pass****2 ♥ by South**

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

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None Vul

♠ K
♥ 5 2
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 6 4 2

♠ 6 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A Q 10 5



♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ J 10
♣ K J

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♥ by North			

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

7
9
15

W N E S

♠ A 8 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K Q 9 5 2

♣ 10 9 8

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 7 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ A K J

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.