

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q J 7 5 2
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 5

23
5 5
7

♠ A K 8 2
♥ A K 3
♦ A 4
♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8 6 4
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ 10 8 7

♠ J 10 3
♥ 10 9
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ A 6 3 2

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

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

2
6 9
23

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ 10 8 7 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

North

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4 ♠). So you pass.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q J 7 5 2
♦ J 10 7
♣ J 5

26
5 5
4

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A K 8 2
♥ A K 3
♦ A K
♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8 6 4
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ 10 8 7

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

4
6 7
23

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ A 9 7 4

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ 10 3

♣ Q 7 6

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.