

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K Q 2
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ Q J 9 5
	♣ K Q 7

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

8	17	6
9		

N		E
W		S
♠ 7	♥ K Q 2	♦ 7 6 4 2
♦ J 10 8 3	♣ J 10 9 6 2	

♦ J 10 8 6	♦ K 10	♣ A 8 4
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West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass  
3 NT by North

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**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10 8 5  
 ♥ 9 8 5 2  
 ♦ A 9 3  
 ♣ Q 5

**10**  
 9 **15**  
 6

♠ A 9  
 ♥ K 10 7 4  
 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ K 6 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 6 2  
 ♥ Q 6 3  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ A J 7

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

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

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

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



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

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

♠ 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>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

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**West Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 17 9  
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 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 West			

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 ♠.