

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4
 ♥ A K 8 4 2
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ A 8 3

4
 11 10
 15

West

Pass

Pass

2♥ by North

♠ 7 3
 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ 5 4 2



♠ K Q 6
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A J 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

North

2♥

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q 9 6 5
 ♣ Q J 7

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q J 2

9
6 8
17

♠ J 8
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ A 7 3



♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A 5 3
♥ A 9 6 4
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 8 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass | 3 NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

9
9 5
17

♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A 2
♥ J 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 4 ♠ by North | | | |

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ A 9 5 2

♦ 9 3

♣ Q 7 2

13
6 6

15

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A 10 9

♥ 8 3

♦ A K J 10 8 2

♣ J 8



♠ K Q 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ K 10 9 6

North

3 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ J 10 9 7 3
 ♦ Q 8 6
 ♣ J 2

14
 4 5
 17

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♣

ALL

Pass

6 ♣ by North

♠ 3
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

N
 W E
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♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 3
♥ A 10
♦ K J 7 5 2
♣ 8 7 4

16
12 8
4

West

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ K 9 6
♥ K J 6 4
♦ A Q 4
♣ Q J 5



♠ Q 8
♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 6 3

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.