

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

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

♠ J 10 8 7 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ J 8

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

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

4 ♥ by North

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 2
♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 5 3

10 7
10 13

♠ J 4 3
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 8 6 2

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♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ A 10 4

♠ A 10 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ K 7

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

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♥.

Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1♠. Apparently he wasn't since he says 2♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2 NT and partner passes.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

13
5 9
13

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 7 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ K 7 3
♣ J 8

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

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

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3 NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ A J 10
♦ Q 10 9 5 4
♣ A Q 7 3

7
13 14
6

♠ Q 4 3
♥ 9 7 5
♦ J 3
♣ K J 6 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 4

♠ J 10 9 8
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 10

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

You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You might bid 1 NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2♣.

Partner bids 2♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3 NT.