

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

11
4 5
20

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

North

3 ♥
5 ♥
Pass

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
4 NT
6 ♥

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6
9 6
19

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 3

South Deals ♠ 8
 None Vul ♥ Q 9 8 5 3
 ♦ K J 8 5
 ♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q J 10 9 3 ♠ K 6 5
 ♥ — ♥ A J 6
 ♦ 7 ♦ 10 9 6 3 2
 ♣ A J 10 7 5 2 ♣ Q 9

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 ♦ A Q 4
 ♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 4

South Deals ♠ A K 9 7 2

None Vul ♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4



♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

9
7 9
15

West North East South

1 ♥

Pass 1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass 4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ 9
♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

13
6 5
16

West

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5



♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

*North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♠

ALL

Pass

6 ♠ by South

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.