

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ J 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

17
5 9
9

West

♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6



♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 5

North

♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

*East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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 2

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 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 3
	♥ A 8 5
	♦ K J 3
	♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣
ALL	Pass		
6 ♣ by South			

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 4

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.