

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
6 10  
11

♠ Q J 9 8 7 5  
♥ A 4  
♦ K Q J  
♣ 8 7



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

♠ K  
♥ 9 8 7 3  
♦ A 10 9 7 3 2  
♣ K 4

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

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♠s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Your 15 point hand is enough to insist on game, but opposite a passed hand you have no interest in a slam.

So you sign-off at 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
10 12  
7

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠ by East			

♠ A 5 2  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ K Q 10 9 3  
♣ Q 4



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

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

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 9 7

6  
12 9  
13

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ Q 8

♦ 8 6

♣ K 8 6 5 3



♠ K Q 8 7 5

♥ K 7 4

♦ K Q 7

♣ 10 2

♠ 2

♥ J 6 3 2

♦ A J 9 5 4

♣ Q J 4

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

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought North had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.