

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2		
None Vul	♥ K 10 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 6 5	♠ A Q J 10 9 3		
♥ A J 6	♥ —		
♦ 10 9 6 3 2	♦ 7		
♣ Q 9	♣ A J 10 7 5 2		
	♠ 8		
10 12	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
6	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2**♥ Q 5****♦ 7 4 2****♣ 10 6 5****9
9 15
7****♠ 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****♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4****♥ 9****♦ 9 5****♣ A J 9 4****West****North****East****1 ♥****Pass****Pass****Pass****1 ♠****Pass****Pass****Pass****4 ♥ by East**

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 3

South Deals	♠ K J 7 2
None Vul	♥ 8 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K Q 5

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

W	N	E	S
13			
6 5			
16			

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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 ♠.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul♠ Q 9 2
♥ J
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K 9 7 5 3♠ 7 5
♥ A K 10 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J 10♠ A K 10 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 210
14 9
7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by West			

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

14	♦ A K J 7 4
5 9	♦ 10 5
12	♣ 7 3

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



You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

6
 9 17
 8

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2
 ♦ A 9 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 10 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A J 7

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.