

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A J 9 7
♣ 10 9 6 4

3
9 17
11

West

Dbl
2 ♦ × by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 6
♣ 8 2



♠ —
♥ K Q J 10
♦ K 10 8 4 3 2
♣ Q 7 3

North

Pass

East

1 NT
Pass

South

2 ♦
Pass

It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. South is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 10 9
♦ K Q 8 4 3 2
♣ J 9 5

12
10 2
16

West

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ K 10 8 3



♠ K J 9 3
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 9 5
♣ A Q 7

North

East

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 5 4 3 2
♦ J 6
♣ 6 4 2

South

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

2 NT

3 ♦

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

3 ♥

4 ♠

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.