

**Deal 1**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**11** 7  
**10**

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| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

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

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

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|             |              |             | Pass         |
| Pass        | 1 ♠          | Pass        | 2 ♣          |
| Pass        | 2 ♦          | Pass        | 2 ♠          |
| Pass        | Pass         | Pass        |              |

**2 ♠** by North

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 2**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

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| S | E |

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

♠ K Q 8 7 5  
 ♥ K 7 4  
 ♦ K Q 7  
 ♣ 10 2

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| Pass        | Pass         | Pass        | 1 ♠          |
| Pass        | 3 ♠          | 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.