

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 10 9 7 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 2

14
4 5
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♣

ALL

Pass

6 ♣ by North

♠ 3
♥ A 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

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W E
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♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A J 10 9 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ 3

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 2

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.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 7 6
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ K J 3

5
 7 8
 20

♠ K Q 10 7 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 10 8 7 2



♠ A J 8

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ A Q 9

♠ 6 5

♥ A 4

♦ K J 10 8 6 2

♣ 6 5 4

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

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by North

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7

8
7 10
15*West*

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 9 5 3



♠ A 6

♥ A J 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ Q 8 6 4

North

Pass

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4
 ♥ 10 8 6 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A 7 6

17
 8 6
 9

♠ A Q 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ Q 8 3

♣ K Q 10 4



♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

♠ J 10 8

♥ J 5 4

♦ K J 5 2

♣ 9 8 2

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

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.